

# The Journal

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## Worth Checking Out

### City council schedule

The El Cerrito City Council and Redevelopment Agency are on their summer schedule, meeting once a month for the next three months. Meetings will be July 7, Aug. 4 and Sept. 7 in the Community Center Garden Room, 7007 Mooser Lane. Meetings for July 21, Aug. 18 and Sept. 15 are cancelled.

### Hey, bibliophiles

Books, magazines, CDs, videos, records (what're those?) they're all at the annual Friends of the Albany Library Book Sale on Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the library and community center, 1247 Marin Ave. at Mooser. Arrive early for the best selection, but if you have the patience, wait until Sunday at 1:30 p.m., when a bag of books is just \$2. Details: 526-3720.

### Fun on the Fourth

Festivities in Albany begin with a Pancake Club breakfast in Memorial Park, Portland and Carmel avenues, followed by carnival games, entertainment and other family activities. Clowns, a pin jump, arts and crafts and Make "A" Circus will add to the fun.

The El Cerrito Rotary Club hosts the annual July 4 community fair at the community center, 7007 Mooser Lane, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with music, games, plenty of good food, a tea dance under the center, and community booths. A free and stop by The Journal booth and say hi.

From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., the El Cerrito Preschool & Daycare Co-op (on the corner of Mooser Lane and Ashbury) hold an Arts & Crafts Festival. Creative activities for preschoolers that all will enjoy include hot-making, cookie decorating, chalk drawing, mural painting, face painting and clay activities. Admission \$3; adults with children free; total family rate: \$7 for 3 or more (over 10 children).

ULTA (love is the answer) of Contra Costa County is a nonprofit headquartered in El Cerrito that matches community members to visit lonely seniors in nursing homes; is holding its annual fund-raiser at the El Cerrito Community Center from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., with many valuable prizes. Winners will be announced by 3 p.m. and you need not be present to win. We also have an information table for people interested in volunteering to ease the loneliness of long-term care residents. Details: 527-2055.

### Don't forget

There won't be any curbside recycling pickup in El Cerrito on July 4. The scheduled pickup will be July 11. If you have more materials than your buckets hold, it can be put at the curb in brown paper bags. There will be a garbage pickup on the Fourth.

### Max in love?

Max in love? Albany Library's Max, the puppet, is back for the family storytime at 7 p.m. on July 1 and July 8 in the Edith Stone Room.

### Roll sign up

Applications for entertainers, fine arts groups, community organizations and others are now available for the 1997 Solano Stroll in August. For an application, state the type of application and it with an SASE to Solano Stroll, 1563 Solano Ave., Box 101, Albany, 94707.

### Top jazz

Philosophy shopping center's summer series starts July 5 when Tom Coster performs with his group Vital Information in the Grand Court from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The following Saturday brings favorite Pete Escovedo performing jazz. Details: 223-6900.

### About antiques

Don Dowling shows Antique Objects in Kensington 55+ Activity Center at the Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., at 11 a.m. Lunch is available at 11:30 a.m. Drop by early, between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. for a free blood pressure check courtesy of the Red Cross. Details: 526-9146 or 547-1969.

## City, pet food outlet at odds

# Dueling leases cloud project

By Emily Lundberg

EL CERRITO — The Redevelopment Agency, seeking to develop land already occupied, has come head to head with a retailer over the value and validity of their lease. The issue, already clouded by conflicting leases and options to buy the site, may not be simple cheap to resolve.

The city, desperate to bolster a flagging sales tax base, is anxious to proceed with the Del Norte Marketplace Project, its 64,000-square-foot retail venture with Pacific De-

velopment Group at a site across San Pablo from Del Norte BART and the Target Store. Pep Boys (21,865 square feet), Staples (24,000 square feet) and Walgreens (13,905 square feet) have all signed leases for pads within the development. One other pad (4,500 square feet) is available, although no tenant has been identified for it.

Standing in its way is Pet Food Express, which not only doesn't want to leave, but also has a separate lease and option to buy a property the city already owns and plans

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A trailer park, foreground, has already vacated the development site, but Pet Food Express, background, wants to stay put.

## Designer's vision will become reality

Albany landscape architect chosen to design new courtyard for S.F. Federal Building

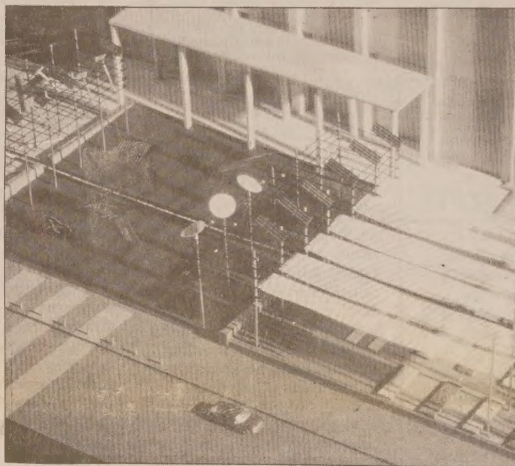
By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — Tom Leader sees things that others do not see, and thinks in ways other people simply do not think.

Locals perusing a list of the three winners of the somewhat-recently held U.S. General Services Administration's San Francisco Prize Design Competition — a national, 119-person contest that drew architects from as far away as Boston and Culver City — might find a somewhat familiar name among the three winners. Among the victors are a team from New York City, New York, another person from New York City, New York, and Leader, who hails from the perhaps less world-famous town of Albany, Calif.

In what might in some sense be an architect's dream come true, contestants were invited to design a new courtyard for the wind-swept Philip Burton Federal Building in downtown San Francisco, a bleak, box-shaped structure that sits near the city's civic center. For Leader, 40, who graduated from UC-Berkeley and has a master's in Landscape Architecture from Harvard, the contest presented a chance to dream big, and produced a design of almost Ecotopian synergy.

In the dark, quiet studio of his Solano Avenue home, a manifestation of the landscape architect's thought process is plastered across one wall. There hang series of photographs taken of the Green



Gulch Farm in Marin County, from various spots once a month for a year, so that he might better understand, in the long term, the flux and flow of life on the farm.

"The point of that was to kind of find out what are the things that really happen on a farm, what are the processes, the relationships on a farm," Leader says.

The principles he acquired from this study are among those he applied to the contest, which he pursued in his spare time while working for an

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The design uses several methods to take advantage of the location's physical characteristics and harness its climate.

## Plaza EIR gets first hearing

■ Many favorable reactions; assessment of property's value will play major role in shaping final project.

By Emily Lundberg

EL CERRITO — The city's plan to completely makeover the El Cerrito Plaza took a major step with the Public Hearing on the Draft Environmental Impact Report, late last week.

The hearing, attended by about 30 people, passed with less public controversy than has surrounded local redevelopment projects of late.

Some criticisms and suggestions were voiced, and several people said they thought the D-EIR incomplete. But, almost every staunch criticism was matched with another attendee's unwavering support.

The Agency's chosen developer, Wilton/Terranomics, proposes to construct approximately 300,000 square feet of commercial/retail space, 205 multi-family residential units, a town square, an approximately 400-space parking garage (intended to serve BART patrons during commute hours), and 1,130 surface parking spaces (for the commercial/retail portion). Wilton Partners is also funding the

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## Group works to build Del Norte development consensus

By Emily Lundberg

EL CERRITO — Consensus is hard to come by, especially when it comes to potential land uses for the Del Norte BART station. Like a runaway train, the consensus-building process has accrued bushels of paper (including an environmental impact report and hard cash), and, still, no consensus. A working group, however, is now attempting to engineer a process by which a

consensus can be reached. And it seems to be on the right track.

After much public outcry, the City Council on May 5 announced it could not support the proposed project for the Del Norte BART and Mayfair site because of its "size and scale" and its lack of public support.

The proposal was for a 20-screen, 3,686-seat cinema complex, 36,639 square feet of retail space, a 932-space underground parking garage, replacing the existing 333 BART

parking spaces. On the adjacent Mayfair site, a five-story structure including 208 residential units was planned, with a ground level containing 1,500 square feet of retail space and 237 parking spaces.

After the Del Norte mixed use project D-EIR was put forth for public comments, a "Citizen's Response to the D-EIR," written by six residents, charged that "what should have been citizen involvement meetings (regarding the project) were replaced by highly

structured citywide affairs, stage managed to dilute and minimize challenges to the project." Whether the previous meetings were orchestrated or not, it was obvious to everyone involved that what was dubbed the "megatheater" proposal could not withstand the outcry of public disapproval. Thus a public process to rework the project, either in concept or scale, is now being hammered out by a planning process task force.

On June 18, the task force began

The next Del Norte Task force meeting is June 26 at 7 p.m. at the Del Norte Place Meeting Room, 11720 San Pablo Ave.

hammering. The task force consists of Rick Moran, a partner from the IBEX group (the developer of nearby Del Norte Place); Miriam Hawley of AC Transit; Jeff Ordway of BART; devel-

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## Albany hesitant to enact sweeping rule on squatters

Ordinance suggested by police chief would have immediate consequences for landfill encampment

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — If the City Council does, as Police Chief Larry Murdo has suggested, find itself voting on an ordinance to prohibit sleeping and storage of personal items in public parks, the end result could be an operation the likes of which the city has never conducted before.

While passage of the proposed ordinance itself would be the key enabling action, enforcement, particularly on the former Albany Landfill, would most likely require a more hands-on approach. According to Murdo, the ordinance would result in city crews, accompanied by police, entering the landfill with

heavy machinery to physically remove the structures of the up to 35 persons living there.

Citing the issue as a social one that should be taken up on a state and national level, Murdo, nonetheless seeks a more direct action here at home in his quest to remove from the landfill those who have, in some cases, occupied the area for years. Murdo, who refers to the persons squatting on the bulb not as "homeless" but as "individuals who have seized public land, acquired with public funds for use by the public, for personal, residential, exclusive usage," says the question is not one of socioeconomic status, but rather of land-use rights, which

he says the squatters have usurped.

"I wouldn't care if they were millionaires doing this," Murdo says, promising more operations like one conducted just over two weeks ago, when police and county health officials made a sweep of the area. "There is no expectation of privacy on public land," Murdo says. "They have no right to that land."

### Divided opinions

According to City Attorney Robert Zweben, such an ordinance would be feasible from a legal standpoint. While a recent story about a confrontation between squatters and BB gun-wielding teenagers on the

landfill found those interviewed to be divided on the issue, with some expressing sympathy and some saying they want the squatters removed, a talk with two City Council members reveals perhaps the same division on Albany's top governing body.

"If there is such an ordinance, I would be interested in passing it," says Mayor Bob Good. "I'm not pushing it, but if it comes along I might vote for it."

Vice Mayor Bruce Mast, though, says he would approach the possibly sticky situation with more caution.

"I'm not sure what my take is yet," he says. "If one have dreaded

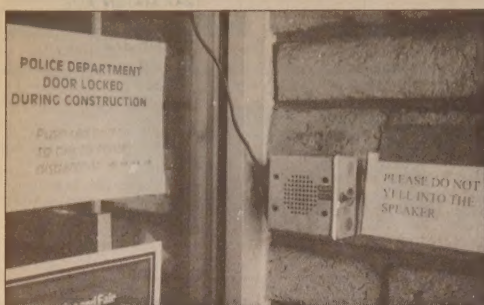
dealing with it. In my mind the issue is more complex, and it's going to need a little more thought than just going and doing a sweep."

As Mast points out, the situation is already on a "collision course" with plans that the area be turned over to the East Bay Regional Park District. According to Bill Ekern, Albany's community development director, that eventuality is still five or ten years off, as the EBRPD is just beginning remediations of former Catellus-owned properties in Emeryville and will not arrive in Albany for some time.

"They don't have any great pressing need to deal with us. We're low

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Getting into the police station is a little tougher than just walking in. And please, don't yell in the speaker.

## New meaning to 'rolling on a call'

On the next bicycle that Albany police acquire the wheels will go round but the officer's legs won't. A bike that only coasts downhill? No, a state-of-the-art electric bicycle that is silent, pretty fast, and cuts down on pollution.

Police Chief Larry Murdo has applied for a \$2,500 environmental grant from the Bank of America to purchase the specially equipped machine, which has a range of 36 miles a day and can do 18 to 20 mph.

Murdo says the bike, made by ZAP Power Systems of Sebastopol, is a "top end mountain bike with a high-efficiency electric motor, two sealed rechargeable lead-acid batteries, and a pursuit kit including a light/siren system."

Albany police now have four conventional bikes, one of which is usually on patrol somewhere in the city. They are particularly useful in parks, along the BART tracks, and anywhere else hard for four-wheelers to reach. Bikes are also well suited for policing social events like street fairs and festivals.

Murdo estimates the electric bike will be in use 220 days a year and will reduce patrol car miles by 7,920 or 792 trips a year. This will be a significant reduction in oxide compounds, carbon monoxide, and other harmful gases. The bikes have odometers to record miles traveled for reporting purposes.

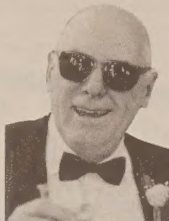
It appears likely the grant will be approved and the new bike rolling in time for this October's Bicycle Rodeo. If it proves itself, more may be on the way. The chief says El Cerrito police have applied for an electric bike grant, and Berkeley is also interested.

### CHANGING TIMES:

Anybody who has been to the police station recently will have found the old ready accessibility is a thing of the less violent past. One no longer just walks in and chats with officers or pokes his head around the corner into the chief's office.

Now a visitor encounters locked glass doors informing him that "counter service hours" are 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. He rings a bell to attract the attention of the distant dispatcher, while reading another sign asking him not to "yell into the speaker," which is a temptation.

A second officer is usually present in the afternoon to speak with visitors, who are



■ Dave Greer

buzzed into the lobby and talk through a device in the glass. Eventually there will be a telephone there so people can be let in at anytime and will be able to talk to the dispatcher if no other officer is available. But at this writing a contractor has not been found to install the phone. This seems to be one of those jobs nobody wants.

Chief Murdo admits the new system is not "user friendly," but says both officers and visitors were at risk before, and that the station was the only one on the San Pablo Avenue corridor open to a drive-by shooting. Bulletproof doors and windows have taken care of that now, and the chief himself is no longer exposed to prowling nut cases and reporters. (No, don't say it.)

The station has also been made handicap accessible. A \$55,000 Americans With Disabilities Act grant bought us this grimmer but safer police station.

**MEANWHILE:** It may not be "publish or perish" in police work as it is in the jungles of academe, but Murdo publishes anyhow. He will have an article on the course of instruction he gives in the Albany schools in next month's *FBI Law Enforcement Journal*. That will be followed by a piece on his highly successful Chief Operator program, which is being used across the country. Murdo says it is "unprecedented" to score two articles in this prestigious publication.

The chief may get respect from the FBI, but he didn't from a woman on Solano Avenue who made an illegal, mid-block U-turn to get a parallel parking spot he had just taken legally. The scofflaw berated the chief, who was in plain clothes, for taking "her" spot. She also exhibited a finger for his inspection. (Yes, that finger.) He informed her he was the chief of police and exhibited his badge for her inspection. Checkmate.

## Letters to the Editor

### Misstatement aside, hype is hype

Editor:

My letter dated 3 June of this year stated that the El Cerrito City Council as Redevelopment Agency gave away \$1.7 million to the IBEX Group. That statement was based on an Agenda Bill (dated April 21) prepared by City staff which said that the Agency would receive \$526,000 for the land it owns beneath the Del Norte Place project. I have now found that the Agenda Bill misled me, and that no such giveaway exists.

Study of the actual amendment (passed by the Agency) shows no commitment by IBEX to pay the Agency anything beyond the amounts agreed upon for ground lease rent and for a share of proceeds when and if the project is sold. It also shows no commitment by the Agency to accept the payment cited above in return for title to the land.

In effect, then, the Agenda Bill misstated the true facts. I should have been more careful about accepting them as true. I apologize.

Another, and important, misstatement appears in the above-named Agenda Bill which was repeated in the one of June 2. That error is that the Agency and IBEX is a "public/private partnership". The amendment (see Section 17 if you are interested) states in no uncertain terms that no partnership exists between the Agency and IBEX or any other party. This means that any PR hype to justify the acceptance of the Agency's lesser share specified in the amendment is just that — hype.

George Amberg  
El Cerrito

### Explore other Navellier options

In a letter published on June 19, Stephen King wrote a scathing attack on the concerns Robert Epstein and I expressed in an earlier letter about the Bright Star development proposal on Navellier Street. Mr. King never explains why he's so emotional about the issue, but since he was at the Planning Commission meeting, one can only assume his child goes to the school. Yet, interestingly, he lives in Richmond.

Most of the parents of children at Bright Star live outside El Cerrito. (Apparently the exact number is a well guarded secret.) Their petition to the Planning Commission contained the names of about 75 parents; approximately 70 percent lived outside of El Cerrito. In contrast, the petition from the neighbors contained the names of 218 El Cerrito citizens.

How easy it is for those from other cities to criticize us for wanting to preserve the beauty and serenity of the hillside area. Countless people jog, walk, or drive by the lovely Navellier House, one of the oldest buildings in the county. Many of the neighbors specifically chose to live in this quiet spot, spending hard-earned savings to buy houses. Obviously, a large school for 150 children that has almost no available parking spaces, that will be noisy, that will create an enormous traffic problem, will radically change the area.

Certainly, Bright Star can find a space where its presence is wanted and where it can accommodate all of the cars and traffic.

I want to clarify that we said "bring on the townhouses" not because we want a townhouse community here. The strong preference of the neighbors would be of course for a family to buy the property; in fact, a family purchased the adjacent property a couple of years ago when it was for sale. We are working with historical societies to try to preserve the building.

However, our comment was made to challenge the scare tactics Bright Star supporters use when they threaten the neighbors with townhouses. For instance, during the Planning Commission meeting, a parent screamed out, "Do you people want townhouses?" (Mr. King made it sound like we were the rude ones.) The choice is not just Bright Star or townhouses. The owner of the property has been working exclusively with Bright Star for two years, so he hasn't explored the other options. And though Bright Star acts as though it will preserve the Navellier House, the changes it is proposing will in essence destroy it.

Finally, I must comment on Mr. King's condescending comments that we would prefer lawn mowers to children, and that we are against education. I am a child therapist and spend my days counseling troubled children and families. Most of the neighbors have children. To say we don't want a school for 150 children in a small space meant for a residence is not anti-child. Mr. King rails about the need for schools, well, we in the Hillside Area have five schools within four blocks!! Five is enough!

Stacy Taylor  
El Cerrito

### Residents sold down the river

Editor:

I feel compelled to add my comments to that of so many Albany citizens who, either through your pages or vocally, have expressed their displeasure at the prospective loss of use of most of Memorial Park at the hands and whim of the Board of Education and its superintendent.

The clustering of temporary 'shacks on the courts and adjacent areas will result in the virtual loss of a much larger section of the park, crowded by high schoolers encroaching on the little kids that use the playground area — not to mention the tennis players — for years to come.

Thought of a closed campus in such a situation is unimaginable, and that, with the proverbial lack of supervision for which the high school is notorious, will translate into added headaches for all neighbors.

It is really sad to realize that Albany citizens have failed so miserably in rallying behind the few courageous persons that have tried to halt such imposition. Why did we vote for a new City Council that has sold us down the river for the ludicrous sum of \$14,000 a year! It would seem as if the refusal to set up temporaries on the Hill Lumber property (rent

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY EL CERRITO

The 80th anniversary of El Cerrito's founding is the focal point of the city's upcoming July 4 celebration at the Community Center. If you have special memories or photos of the city's early days, The Journal invites you to share them with our readers. Written submissions (250 words or less) can be mailed to PO Box 1624, El Cerrito, 94530; faxed to 339-4066; or e-mailed to hillsnews@aol.com. If you have interesting photos, call our voice mail at 236-9243 so we can arrange their safe return. We will be running submissions periodically through the city's anniversary year.

free) is a calculated move to clear the way for the projected new Middle School. And that has been criticized outright by that school's teachers themselves, and by all those who have seriously reflected on the implications, both financially as well as architecturally.

The question remains: why this pig-headedness on the part of the superintendent and the Board? Why a deaf ear to the citizens' opinions? And why has the City Council now been influenced to assent?

None of these moves has much bearing on the quality of education as the Board claims. The quality of education has a lot to do with what goes on in the classroom, what the students hear and what they see. They learn also by example, and by the perception of the young of the truth in adults which is in turn negated by the use of the student to achieve other ends.

I wish we could find a way to put a stop to it.

Mrs. Alma W. Craig  
Albany

### Speeders endanger neighborhood

Editor:

I live in Albany (Santa Fe Avenue between Marin and Francis). This residential street seems to serve as a speedway and freeway from Albany to Berkeley. Though the posted speed limit is 25 mph, cars and buses regularly travel in excessive speeds (35 - 50 mph). What is more terrifying is that motorists show complete disregard for this Albany neighborhood as well as the kids using the crosswalks going to and from Marin School and other schools in Albany.

I call upon the Albany Police Department to set up patrols and/or continue to set up radar to nab speeders. I also call upon the Albany Public Works Department or engineering department to reevaluate speed limits on not only this street but also other troubled streets of Albany. I also call upon the Traffic and Safety Commission and Albany City Council to continue addressing

this safety issue in our community.

### Crossing guards value immeasurable

Editor:

As members of the community with direct experience with crossing guards, we urge Albany City Council to reduce their already meager wages.

The crossing guards provide a wonderful service to the community. They get to know individual children and help their welfare in a way that can be measured with a ledger.

They provide not only safety service but they provide overall protection for our children as they traverse our streets unaccompanied by their parents or other responsible adults.

They work a difficult job with their hours so hopelessly chopped up that their day is occupied whether or not they are standing on duty at the corners or whether they are on their way back to duty after intermittent off times. They in whatever weather conditions we have (El Nino is forecast) return with a vengeance and they do their job with good cheer and dedication.

Although you might not realize it, their job can be perilous. Drivers occasionally do not stop for the crossing guards who venture out into busy streets to halt traffic for our youngsters. Guards have had to dodge and avoid being hit.

We all applaud the commendable efforts as guardians of our children. However, asking crossing guards to absorb the cut does not do much for our budget and it works a serious hardship on some very dedicated public servants. We ask the council to reconsider this cut.

Valerie and Robert

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# Bright lights, big glare

Neighbors on Albany Hill illuminate the City Council about the glaring problem they're coming from the race track during night racing.

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY—Taking a long, hard look at the new lighting system at Golden Gate Fields, the City Council Monday night hosted an informational discussion in search of a solution for what has been a mysterious, if unmistakable, problem.

At issue were the hundreds of 1,000-watt, 480-volt, custom-made metal halide bulbs installed last year at the racetrack after complaints from jockeys that the previous, amber bulbs were not bright enough for night racing. While the track may now be more than adequately illuminated, excess light also tends to spill onto homes on Albany Hill, obscuring residents' Bay view on Friday race nights with an irritatingly bright, white glow.

At first, complaints about the lights came from as far away as the

Berkeley Hills, where residents looked out upon their much-coveted Bay view and saw not San Francisco but the 93 newly-installed bulbs on the racetrack's grandstand. While that problem has been fixed, another set of lights on the

a half dozen hill residents complaining about the lights, and another from a man who said that, despite lined drapes, the new bulbs make it difficult to sleep in that they "light up the entire front portion of our house."

**Despite lined drapes, one man wrote, the new bulbs make it difficult to sleep in that they 'light up the entire front portion of our house.'**

racetrack's far stretch has resulted in complaints from, among others, Councilmember Peggy Thomsen, who lives on Pierce Street, and a number of Gateview Avenue residents.

Prior to the meeting, the city received one letter signed by about

Also, the Northern Alameda County Group of the Sierra Club has requested an environmental impact report on the new system, a review that, according to a letter submitted by an attorney for the racetrack, is not required.

Facing the glare of the council and the handful of persons who showed up at the meeting was racetrack General Manager Peter Tunney, who said that, while the light fixtures are nothing new, the metal halide bulbs are. Tunney said the racetrack has spent \$350,000 on the project thus far, including \$60,000 in mitigations as a result of various complaints.

"We're continuing to work diligently to fix the problem," Tunney said. Also, he said, Caltrans' removal of a number of trees in the Buchanan Street on-ramp area added to the problem in that the

trees previously shielded hill-dwellers from the light.

After Mayor Bob Good said he was glad the racetrack was working to remedy the dilemma, Council member Elizabeth Baker asked if track officials might meet with neighbors to "practice" adjusting the lights so that the glare is focused in a more downward direction.

"It's not a light switch situation," Tunney said, meaning the lights, being rather high-powered, could not simply be turned on and off at will. He also said the track is willing to meet with concerned parties.

Council member Bruce Mast then asked if the lights, which, along the track's far stretch, point eastward, could be moved. The problem there, Tunney said, was that the track does not own the property on which such fixtures would be built, although improvements will be considered in that Ladbroke Racing Corp., which owns the facility, has completed its purchase of the land the track sits on and is now looking to enact various improvements.

"In the interest of being good neighbors, we would appreciate it," Thomsen said after agreeing with previously-raised concerns. Though the light might be, to some, a bothersome thing, at present the city has no power to regulate it in that Albany has no "light ordinance."

"There's no need on our behalf to light anything other than the racing surface," Tunney said before retiring to the back of the council chambers for the public comment period. Addressing the matter first was Waterfront Committee Chair Steve Granholm, who asked the council to consider the lights' impact on wildlife and, in a move which caused a few audience members to shake their heads knowingly, motorists on the adjacent I-80 freeway.

Albany resident Evan Flavell then tackled some of the more technical aspects of the matter, claiming the lights violated the California Vehicle Code in that they created a glare of such brilliance they impaired drivers' vision. He also claimed night racing at the track requires a conditional use permit, and that the lights qualified as signs under the city's sign ordinance.

"Thank you for your illuminating discussion of this problem," Good said.

Albany resident Bob Arnold said he staked out the lights during recent night races. "I was pretty horrified," he said. "I don't blame the people up there for being upset."

Waterfront Committee/NAC member Jerri Holan pointed to the regional nature of the issue, saying, "This is not just Albany and the birds. The whole Bay has complained."

Hill resident Jamie Elliot said she feared the lights would rob her home of its market value in that they shine directly into her bedroom. "There's no way I can possibly sleep in that room," she said. "I think I'm speaking for the people on my street when I say it needs to be fixed."

Staff said they would look into the many suggestions forwarded at the meeting, including re-planting trees in the area and pouring through the city's municipal code to see if Albany has any legal clout to wield. Mast ended the meeting by reiterating the seriousness of the situation.

"This is a disturbing problem for a number of people, and it shouldn't have to come down to if the city can get a big enough stick," Mast said. For now, the predicament is not particularly acute in the night racing has ended and will not begin again until mid-November.

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On the afternoon of June 15 a man, who appeared to be unable to walk, on the side of Key Route Boulevard and who was holding onto a pole for support, contacted the Berkeley man and he was intoxicated. He was released when the owner of a residence on the 1100 block of Solano Avenue reported that sometime during the night thieves broke into his home.

On June 16 Albany officers observed a transient man on San Pablo Avenue who was known to have stolen warrants. He was contacted and found to have an outstanding warrant from Contra Costa County. He was arrested and held for transport to Contra Costa.

On June 17 a resident on the

1000 block of Ordway Street reported that during the night thieves stole his blue '85 Toyota Tercel from in front of his home.

On June 17 another resident on the 1000 block of Ordway Street reported that during the night vandals had broken into her white Honda.

On June 17 the owner of a business on the 1000 block of San Pablo Avenue reported that a person he described as a white male juvenile wearing a white shirt and black pants and carrying a black backpack refused to show identification when attempting to purchase an alcoholic beverage. The juvenile then took the liquor and fled the store without paying. He was last seen going toward the UC Village. He was gone when officers arrived.

On June 17 a resident on the 900 block of Carmel Avenue reported that someone had broken into his blue '97 Nissan Altima.

Shortly after midnight on June 18 a resident on the 600 block of Kains Avenue reported her black '93 Honda Accord was missing from her driveway and she suspected her teenage son had taken the car without permission. At about 1 a.m. the same morning officers observed the car going east on Marin Avenue near Masonic Avenue. The son was in

deed driving. He was taken into custody without incident and transported to Juvenile Hall.

On the morning of June 18 the owner of a business on Solano Avenue reported that during the night thieves broke into her business and threw the cash register on the floor.

On June 18 the owner of a business on the 800 block of San Pablo Avenue reported that thieves broke into her business overnight through a back door.

On the night of June 19 a resident on the 400 block of Evelyn Avenue reported that during the day thieves had stolen two bikes from his garage.

At about 11 p.m. on June 19 a resident on the 1100 block of Key Route reported his son and a friend were attacked and robbed of their bikes while riding on the 600 block of Key Route.

On June 20 a resident on the 900 block of Solano Avenue reported that during the night thieves stole his beige '83 Chevy truck parked near Solano Avenue and Jackson Street.

During the week of June 15 officers fingerprinted five people at their request, towed six cars, responded to 16 false alarms, intervened in 32 domestic situations and attended to 13 lost or deceased animals (including a dead seal on the beach and a troublesome hive of bees!).

## EC resident pinched for drunk bicycling

By Emily Lundberg

**EL CERRITO** — A 1966 Chevy Impala was reported stolen from the Target lot on June 15 at 5:39 p.m. Between June 11 and 12, someone went into the garage of a residence on the 6400 block of Central Ave., pried open the door to the resident's '96 Mazda and stole the garage door opener and \$2 in quarters. A '80 Datsun was reported stolen from the Target lot on June 13 at 6 p.m. A '95 Ford Aersostar was reported stolen from the 900 block of Elm St. on June 18 at 1 p.m.

On June 16 at 4 p.m., a juvenile asked to ride another youth's bicycle on the BART path south of Moeser. After much coaxing, the youth allowed the juvenile to ride the bike. The juvenile took off, going north with the bike and did not return.

Someone smashed the drivers side window of a Dodge Mini Van parked on the 7500 block of Terrace Drive. The crime was reported

on June 17 at 6 a.m.

On June 17, A Richmond man entered FoodsCo, placed some merchandise in a box and attempted to exit through the loading docks. He was apprehended at 8 a.m.

A man entered a store on the 11200 block of San Pablo mid-day on June 9, and attempted to use a counterfeit credit card. The transaction was denied. The store clerk reported that the card was a counterfeit after the man left.

A San Francisco man was apprehended in Foodsco on June 17 at 10 p.m. He had been told several times before not to return to the store. He was arrested by store security for trespassing.

An El Cerrito man was arrested for driving his bicycle while under the influence. He was apprehended at San Pablo and Schmidt on June 12 at 2 p.m.

An Oakland man was pulled over on June 12 at 6:41 p.m. on Central and Belmont. He was found to be in possession of three ziplock

bags of what the officers thought to be marijuana.

On June 17 at 9:40 p.m. a woman entered the Plaza Lucky Store, emptied the contents of a bottle of garlic pills into her purse and attempted to leave the store without paying. She was arrested for petty theft.

Between June 16 and 18, on the 2500 block of Arlington Boulevard, someone entered a Volvo parked in the driveway of the residence and stole a briefcase from the rear seat.

A youth left a bicycle unsecured at Cerrito Vista Park on June 8. When he returned several hours later, the bicycle was gone.

On June 19 at 1 p.m., at an apartment complex on the 6900 block of Stockton Ave. someone smashed the glass holding a fire extinguisher and stole the fire extinguisher.

Between June 13 and 19, a walker was found on the porch of a medical office on the 900 block of Kearney and was given to the ECPD.

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# Collectors young and old await arrival of 'Beanie Babies'

By Dawn Frasier

**EL CERRITO** — The bustle of the twice-weekly Farmers Market isn't the only activity that will soon be bringing a flurry of excitement to a normally quiet El Cerrito Plaza. Expect a crowd of about 200 avid collectors to descend on Betty's Hallmark when a long-awaited shipment of Beanie Babies arrives. That's how many people have already signed up on the store's waiting list, according to manager Barbara Maiss. They want to be called the minute the cuddly stuffed toys arrive.

"Our list of names include people from as far away as Illinois, Florida, Georgia and Alabama," she said.

Most of those anxious to add to their Beanie collections at the El Cerrito store are a bit more local, however.

Melissa Coath will travel from Walnut Creek to purchase Lizzy the Lizard. (She drew a picture for Maiss, thanking her in advance for placing the order.)

The 12-year-old has 32 Beanie Babies, collected one at a time over the last five months or so. She'll most likely bring her cousin, Justin Semjenow, with her, so he can add to his collection. (She got him hooked when she bought him his own Lizzie as a gift.) Justin has 14 already, but give him time. He's only two years old.

"Melissa got one in February and really liked it, though she didn't know they were hot," said her mom, Mindy Coath. "She collected \$5 over the week and went back with her grandmother for another; the store manager told her they were all sold out."

"But she's been able to get one here and one there and has added to her collection. In one store, you go in to get a number in the morning, then come back in the afternoon in order and pick out two each. Some-

times you just wait in line with everybody else; it's lots of fun."

## Beanie Babies online

Recently, Melissa's even started trading with fellow collectors she finds through ads in the newspaper.

She could expand her horizons to the Internet if she wanted to. Currently, there are Web sites for trading and buying, collector newsletters, auctions, Beanie news, trivia and accessories, among others.

In the meantime, Melissa's played her cards right. She paid \$20 for Tank, the armadillo, the seven-wrinkle version. It's now listed in White's Guide to Collecting Figures as worth \$50-plus. That particular variation has been "retired" and thus has jumped in value. But reserve the "skyrocket" category for Chilly, the white polar bear who retired in 1994 and is now valued at \$700; Spot, with no spot, also retired (\$1,050); and Zip, all black cat, retired, at \$1,400. You can still buy Zip, when you can find him, at \$5, if you're willing to put up with his white paws.

Retiring editions can be a major boost to any hot collectible market, but Anne Nickels, representative for Ty Inc., which produces the toys, says it's a common practice to retire toys from time to time.

"This was not done intentionally to create a collectibles frenzy," said Nickels. "We've always done this, and long before the toys became so popular. It's a common way to keep the line fresh."

But Melissa and Justin have other priorities for their collections. She keeps hers lined up on her bedroom shelf and takes them down occasionally to play with the cuddly animals or pack them up in a backpack to take to a friend's house and compare collections.

"Justin keeps them all in his bed, lined up under the covers," said his Aunt Mindy.

Lifelong El Cerrito Marcia Fausset, represents another major category of Beanie Babies collectors: grandmothers. Fausset has worked at Betty's for several years on a part-time basis but signed up on the list along with everyone else. She's got grandchildren, ages six and four, in Seattle, who've got a half-dozen each already and are on their way to becoming confirmed collectors.

Fausset can choose from the traditional cuddly animals — bunnies, kitties, lambs and the like, but if they're a bit tame for her taste, the company also offers bulls and lobs, lady bugs and skunks.

Fausset used to order all the plush for the store; she said she's never seen anything like the interest shown in Beanie Babies.

Neither has Maiss. "All our orders have been placed sight unseen, solely based on their popularity and on our customers' requests," she said. "The response has been amazing."

## Could be any time, now

Like other anxious shopkeepers in the country, Maiss doesn't know exactly when her order (placed in

February) will arrive, nor whether the full order will come in. To "make things fair for everyone," she plans to keep her staff busy calling all 200 customers when the order arrives. The toys won't be put out until the following day, perhaps late in the afternoon, and customers will likely be limited to one purchase each until they're gone.

Melissa Coath has proved, though, that collections will grow, even one at a time.

Beanie Babies are the brainchild of Ty Warner — you'll see his first name on every heart-shaped tag. The owner-president of Ty Inc. once worked for Dakin, another company known for cuddly soft toys. He developed a new line of his own, combining plush and pellets.

"All the Ty toys have a bean bag inside their bodies or in their paws; it makes them poseable," said Nickels. "We were always known for our soft, squishy, poseable toys. We just shrunk them down for the Beanie Babies line."

Beanies may be giving new meaning to the concept of mass production, but the company has committed itself to what have to be characterized as traditional values. For one thing, the \$5 price tag —

at first purchase — hasn't gone up in 11 years, part of Warner's original interest in offering well-made toys that are affordable to children. The company also limits its distribution to smaller, independent stores, something appreciated by the independent owners and small chains, who have to compete with the Targets, Wal-Marts and K-Marts in so many other areas.

Perhaps most amazing, the Illinois-based company has never advertised its products.

"There's never been a national advertising campaign," said Nickels, who called that a conscious decision of the company. "We rely completely on word-of-mouth."

She's been fascinated by the way word-of-mouth still works when a product is popular.

"We've been in business for 11 years, but the craze really started in the suburbs of Chicago in 1995," she said. "Around Christmas, it spread to Michigan, Indiana, Iowa and the East Coast."

"At Christmas-time this year, it was bang, everywhere."

The West Coast is one of hottest spots for collecting right now, she said, along with Michigan, parts of Texas and Atlanta.

Ty Inc. has recently imposed restrictions of its own on the sale of its toys. As of April, the company can only place one order for the toys in any one store. In addition, numbers have been limited.

Previously, according to Ty Inc., it was not uncommon to place an order for the toys in excess of 10,000 pieces.

Even for the smaller stores, it must have seemed like a big thing. In the June issue of the Guide to Collecting Figures, which is a Hallmark store, it was reported selling 6,000 Beanie Babies in one day. In a May issue, the owner of a toy shop in Michigan was reported to have sold 14,800 Beanie Babies in the month of January alone.

Keeping them in stock is the only problem shopkeepers have with the toy for now. But if the high interest in the toys continues, especially in the economic climate is what's keeping them in stock.

In the meantime, Maiss said, "We're getting the Beanie Babies out as fast as possible."

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**Design**  
continued from front page  
The design, while not selected to be built, did not exhibit at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, as well as the satisfaction of designing something on his own terms.

**Applying physical characteristics**  
The results are somewhat surprising. Presented with a wind-swept plaza in front of the prism-shaped, 20-story building, Leader used the winds to his advantage and hit the wind running from there. At the end of the plaza, above a walkway, wind turbines harness the chilling breezes that normally send pedestrians trying for the shelter of doors.

And that is only the beginning. "The Demonstration Forest," the project unfolds into a series of screens to shelter cafe spaces from the wind, a situation more cozy by heated paving warmed by the turbines. Moving east, the design then becomes a real-life redwood forest,

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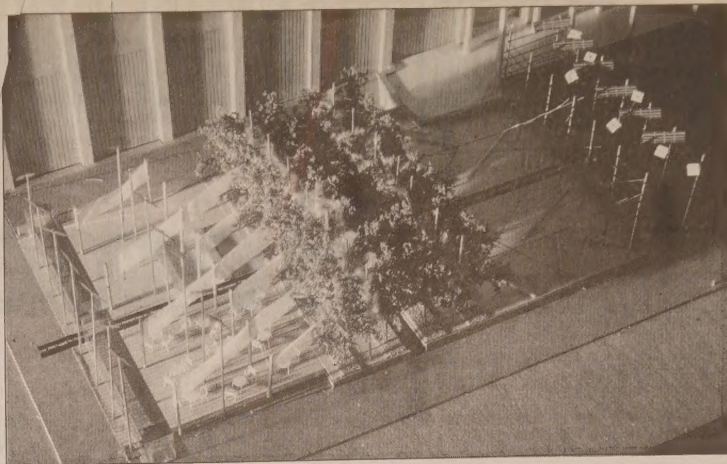
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Wind turbines and photovoltaic cells turn help nurture a 'demonstration forest' of redwoods.

kept humid by mist also powered by the turbines. "Redwoods need mist in order to be comfortable," Leader says. From there, the design becomes a drier, morning glory-laced section of open space, crisscrossed by telephone pole-type logs laid on their sides to serve as benches.

At the main entryway to the building, images are projected onto the pavement amid satellite dishes set high on metal poles. The plaza, designed with a gradual slope to allow disabled access, is also home to photovoltaic solar cells that generate yet more power for the project.

Past that sits a bio-filtration tank, which takes water from the building's roof and filters it

through cattail plants, to be used for irrigation as well as to float rafts where visitors can eat their lunch. Past that lie small urban farming plots, to convert derelict urban land into organic farming space which could, among other things, employ and feed the homeless.

Past that lies a tea garden, sheltered yet again from the perpetual winds. And finally, running like a belt across the entire plaza, is an electronic strip bearing a never-ending stream of words to provide information to those who visit the building.

"The point is to make, in almost a symbolic way, a productive place," Leader says. "I was looking for all kinds of ways to

tap resources and put them back to work."

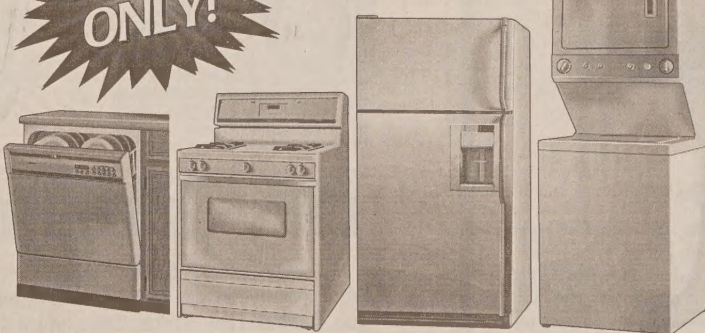
While his design, which he worked on in his spare time for two or three months, was not selected to be built on the site, it did gain Leader an SFMOMA exhibit, which will be on display through July 8. "It's pretty, complicated, and that's probably one of the reasons it didn't get selected for construction," Leader says, adding that the project also went a bit over budget.

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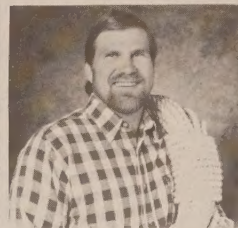
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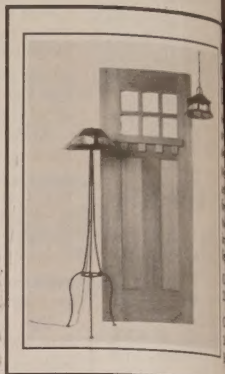
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As I said a few months ago, just because the calendar reads July, summer in the Bay Area does not mean that the planting season is over.

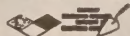
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# Kaiser Permanente joins YMCA's FutureChoice team

Ces Butner, Chairman of the YMCA of the East Bay, will announce today a major investment by Kaiser Permanente in the YMCA's teen pregnancy prevention program, FutureChoice. "Kaiser's support for this program caps our effort to raise \$135,000 in matching funds," said Butner. Kaiser Permanente has pledged \$90,000 for the effort; Wells Fargo and Nike have pledged \$25,000 each.

The FutureChoice program responds to high rates of teen pregnancy in Alameda and West Contra Costa through innovative programs designed to reach high risk youth.

The program has launched operations at the YMCA Coronado Community Center in Richmond; the West Contra Costa Unified School District plans to participate in the effort through membership in the FutureChoice collaborative, a diverse group of public and private organizations coming together to sponsor the program.

Earlier this year, FutureChoice

received a highly competitive Community Challenge Grant of \$673,000 from the State of California. Anna Ramirez, Director of the Office of Community Challenge Grants has called the FutureChoice program an "exciting effort to demonstrate an effective innovative model for preventing adolescent pregnancy."

Kaiser's support helps the program meet requirements of the state grant which mandated that part of the necessary funds be generated locally from private sources. "We're eager to support what we feel is an excellent effort by the YMCA and its collaborative partners to respond to one of the most pressing problems in communities served by Kaiser Permanente," said Bernard Tyson, Kaiser Senior Vice President and Local Market Leader.

In addition to financial support, Kaiser Permanente will assist the program with in-house health education resources. "For example, Kaiser will make available our edu-

cational theater group for upcoming FutureChoice gatherings," said Yvette Radford, Kaiser's Community and Government Relations Representative, "and we hope to contribute other Kaiser resources to strengthen FutureChoice programs."

Kaiser and YMCA representatives are planning a performance of the theater group for the YMCA teen summit, a gathering of teens from throughout the Bay Area to be held on September 27 at the YMCA Coronado Community Center. The FutureChoice program will be the theme for this year's summit.

## AM/PM Kindergarten Confirmed — New Budget Adopted

In action at the June 18 school board meeting, the board responded to a request from staff for direction on the implementation of AM/PM kindergarten in district schools.

Several schools throughout the district will have AM/PM kindergarten next school year for the first time in many years as a result of the district's implementation of state-funded class size reduction programs.

On a 5-0 vote the board voted to proceed with the current AM/PM kindergarten plan as contained in the current district application for class size reduction funding from the state.

Without discussion, the school board adopted the 1997-98 district budget on a 4-1 vote with members Easton, Fenton, Ramsey, and Snodgrass voting yes and Pitts voting no. Following the vote, Pitts indicated her "no" vote was a "political protest" against the district having to approve a budget before it knows exactly how much revenue it will be receiving from the state.

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By Glen Price

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## Graduation

### Michael Ellery

Michael Ellery, master's in civil engineering from UC Berkeley, is now 24, as the city of Marin Elementary School on Halloween dressed them they may remember years he spent in Alameda where he worked in and graduated class.

Upon graduating Michael left Alameda to go to UC Berkeley where he earned a summa cum laude in bachelor of science in engineering and membership in Beta Kappa and Tau Beta Pi societies. Michael returned to the Area after accepting a fellowship from UC Berkeley to complete a two-year program in engineering. Michael to work this fall as a signer for San Francisco Degenkolb Engineers.



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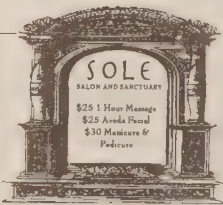
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# Organic wines: Showing natural improvement

High above the Dry Creek Valley in northern Sonoma County, standing in a vineyard not tainted by herbicides or pesticides, I couldn't help but think how ironic it is that Cesar Chavez couldn't be there to witness it.

The vineyard is owned by Gallo, the largest winery in the world, and perhaps the one which caused the most harm to vineyard workers at their facilities in the Central Valley in the 1960s and '70s.

Now Gallo, along with other large California wineries such as Robert Mondavi, Wente, and Fetzer, are the most visible names in a slowly growing segment of the wine industry which are utilizing organic or sustainable viticultural and vinicultural practices.

I was reminded of that in Gallo's vineyards last week when the good folks of the Alameda County Green Party invited me to sample some organic wines they were going to serve at a fundraiser in Berkeley.

There are more than 400 wineries world-wide registered with one of the organic monitoring agencies, producing wines that can be classified as organic. Most are in southern France and Germany. Surprisingly, fashionable California has lagged behind, although the state's wine industry is beginning to catch on.

Actually, a majority of wine grape growers and vintners are now practicing some sort of organic farming — eliminating chemicals, growing ground cover and planting vineyards around riparian environments to encourage natural predators of insects and animals who normally ravage the vineyards.

It must be stated, however, that not all is altruistic. Rising medical costs to pay for vineyard workers stricken with diseases due to these heretofore widely used chemicals, have soared; and local and state laws have practically eliminated the use of these chemicals.

As with other agricultural products, the consumer may be confused about what constitutes "organic," what is "sustainable," or what is meant by "integrated pest management?" The subject is daunting, but organizations such as the California Certified



ALAN GOLDFARB

The Wine File

Organic Farmers (CCOF), whose stamp appears on organic wine labels, apparently is one agency who monitors these agricultural practices.

The use of sulfur dioxide or sulfites (a byproduct of sulfur) is the one chemical which seems to have the wine industry in its grip. Sulfur is an antioxidant, staves off mildew in the vineyard, serves as a preservative in the bottle, therefore aiding in the aging process of wine.

It is extremely difficult to grow premium wine grapes without its use, but many organic farmers are attempting to eliminate it. However, sulfites are a natural byproduct in the winemaking process, and is the reason why, even when sulfur is not used, you will see it listed, by law, on labels.

Additionally, because sulfur is not used, the question remains: Will wines without it be age worthy?

From this small tasting, I concluded that the whites were generally uninspired and insipid, while I was pleasantly surprised by the quality of the red wines. Here are my tasting notes:

**1996 Fitzpatrick Eire Ban El Dorado Sauvignon Blanc** — Already showing signs of oxidation; honey on the nose; sweet honeyed fruit on the palate; uninteresting.

**1995 Hidden Cellars Mendocino Sauvignon Blanc** — Lots of grapefruit on the nose; delicious forward grapefruit flavors, shows some grassy characteristics, flinty, metallic.

**1995 Hidden Cellars Mendocino Chardonnay** — Slightly oxidized; no oak resulting in fresh citrus flavors.

**1996 Domaine La Batteuse Vin de Pays d'Oc Chardonnay** — Honey and grassy, more like a Sauvignon Blanc; beautiful forward fruit, crisp, tart; not very varietal.

**1994 Domaine des Cedres**

**Cotes du Rhone Blue** — black in color; not showing much on the nose, but some pluminess comes through; slight oxidation; big, brooding delicious with plums and undertones of oak and dried fruit; young, tannic for aging 2-3 years.

**NV Ginoulhac Cessenon** — Dark purple; sweet caramel, cassis bouquet; big, chewy beautiful fruit, complex; ageworthy for 2-5 years, tannic, delicious and balanced.

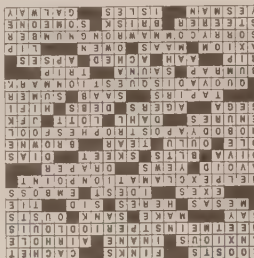
**1995 Frey Mendocino Zinfandel** — My favorite of the tasting; prune, brambly blackberries jump out of the glass with round honey aromas; big, delicious black pepper spiced fruit; good balance and tannins for 2-5 years of life.

Organic wines are filling a niche in the labyrinthine world of wine. I like it to kosher wines in that organics are about where kosher wines are in terms of quality development.

A decade ago, even five years ago, both categories had practically nothing to recommend them. Now, there are some well-

made wines emerging. There still are some poor examples, and organic wines still have a long way to come. But they are improving rapidly.

Montclair resident Alan Goldfarb writes regularly on wine. Write to him at The Montclair, 5707 Redwood Road, Oakland, 94611 with your questions and comments.

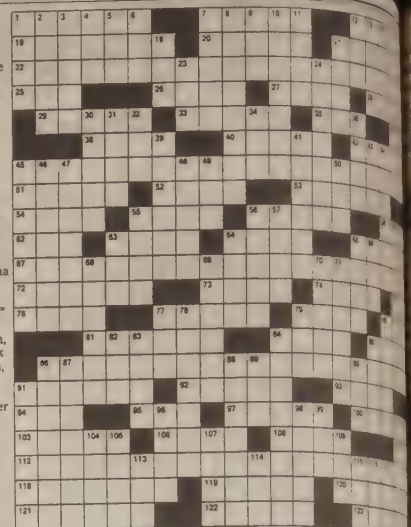


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21 Breathing aid  
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Galvin Appliance also operates their own Service Department

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by Laura Fisk

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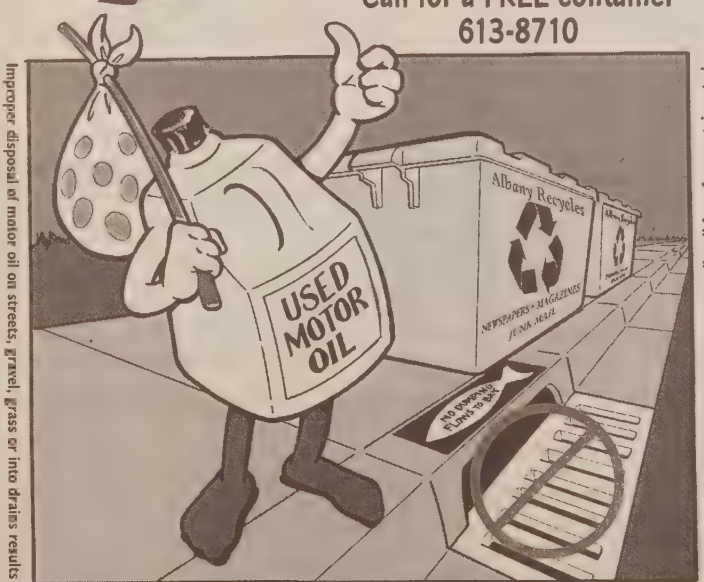
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as a limited supply of "Albany" caps. The new shirt design is courtesy of Just My Type owner, Vic Tyler.

Start the day with an "all you can eat" pancake breakfast cooked and served by the Albany Lions Club. The club will also have its popular dunk tank and watermelon eating contest.

According to the Albany Recreation and Community Services Department there will be music, martial arts demonstrations, carnival games, astro jump, clowns, lolly-pop pull, arts and crafts and other family oriented fun activities throughout the day.

A new attraction will be San Francisco's Make A Circus from 12:30-3:30 p.m. at the park's baseball field. One may learn juggling, tumbling and clowning from the professionals.

The park is located at Portland and Carmel avenues.

### Chamber installation dinner

The 1997-98 officers and board of directors invite all to attend their Annual Dinner and Installation Wednesday, July 16, at the Casablanca Banquet Room, 979 San Pablo Ave., cocktails at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. A representative from city hall will speak on the Solano Avenue Work Program.

For information and reservations, phone the Chamber of Commerce at 525-1771.

### Solano Grill & Bar's June/July menu

The Solano Grill and Bar owners, Phol and Sam Chen, are serving a special menu through July which includes the hard to obtain Copper River Salmon and other dishes focusing on a refinement of the finest entrees that feature flavors and combinations which give Chef Sam's cuisine a distinct flair. While initially difficult to obtain a reliable and high quality supply of the Copper River salmon because of the recent demand from corporate restaurants in San Francisco, Sam has recently secured a superior supply and offers it to guests. Or one may select the Rice Paper Wrapped Ahi Tuna Spring Roll with Wakame Seaweed and Mirin Glaze or black Mussel and Canadian Snow Crab Cakes with a fresh Papaya Salsa for starters.

As a first course, patrons are offered such delights as a traditional Bouillabaisse with Saffron and Garlic served with Country Toast and Rouille or a classical Caesar Salad with Herbed Croutons and Shredded Asiago. Special soups will feature the vegetables of early

summer such as vine ripened tomatoes and asparagus. There is no better preparation or taste than the oven roasted New Zealand Frenched Lamb Rack with Leek infused oil and a Chinese Curry Reduction or as equally elegant if the Pan Striped Bass Fillet with Buttermilk Mashed Potatoes and blue Lake Beans in a Saffron and Garlic Reduction. Other entrees such as the Roasted Sonoma Duck Breast in a Cassis Sauce and the Pan Roasted Sierra Aqua Sturgeon in a Pinot Noir Reduction complete the exceptional menu and further define this extraordinary cuisine found nowhere else.

For more menu information and reservations call assistant manager Michael Stajer at 525-8686.

### Hints on garden organic pest controls

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By Fern Luoma



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Check with Flowerland for many tips for successful vegetable and flower gardens.

### Walker's Restaurant's 33rd Anniversary Celebration

Finding their 33rd Anniversary at Walker's Restaurant falls on Bastille Day, brother and sister team Doug and Dolly Walker will present a special celebration five-course French dinner on Monday, July 14. Two seatings will be offered at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Joining the celebration will be Kent Rosenblum, owner and winemaker of Rosenblum Cellars of Alameda. Guests will be offered wines to match each

course.

Doug and chefs Jorge Sandoval and Michael Reining will combine their efforts to produce the repast. Entrees offered are Roasted Filet of Beef with Sauce Cabernet or Poached Salmon Filet with Sauce Hollandaise. A Pate de maison and tomato bisque will precede a salad of spring greens with roasted peppers, blue cheese and walnuts. For dessert, Doug will make chocolate eclairs in the Walker family tradition. Now is the time to make reservations as the space fills quickly as in past anniversary celebrations; 526-0151.

### Albany Pool Employee of the Month

Jenna Narula recently finished the lifeguard training course and has become a very valuable substitute. She is the Albany Pool Employee for the month of May. She also teaches children's classes, doing an excellent job. All of her students have progressed in the class and like having Jenna as a teacher. A student at Albany High School, Jenna is a respected and reliable member of the Albany Pool staff.

NOTE: A reminder: The Annual Book Sale, scheduled for June 28 and 29 will also sell CDs, videos, magazines and records as well as hundreds of books. The sale will take place at the Albany Library and Community Center, 1247 Marin Avenue, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. This annual sale is sponsored by the Friends of the Albany Library.

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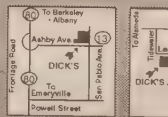
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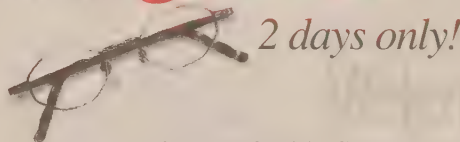


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# Appreciating West County's culture and diversity

Two things bother Dr. Eva A. Ma about the area where she lives, and peoples perception of the area: A resident of El Cerrito, Dr. Ma says "it bothers me that people think that from Berkeley on down there is culture, but in West Contra Costa, no." The other thing that upsets her is that "When they think of Contra Costa County a lot of people tend to think there is the white community and the African American Community, and do not associate anybody else as living there, and that is not correct." She mentions the great number of immigrants who have moved into West Contra Costa County in recent years, plus the many different peoples who have lived in the area for years. "So many different cultures living here, and they are not being heard." And she adds, "We are culturally very, very interesting."

Is this leading to something? Well, it did for Eva Ma. It lead her to start an organization she calls Celebrating Culture and Community. What Dr. Ma does she does with her whole heart, and with a great deal of knowledge because of her work in many non profit organizations through the years. So she started Celebrating Culture carefully, naming a diverse Board of Directors and an Advisory Board with many community leaders taking part.

Dr. Ma and I met and interviewed a few weeks ago, but we waited with this column so that she could happily exclaim, "We have received our tax exempt status and are fully incorporated!" Now watch the organization take off!

But Celebrating Culture and Community has not been idle while awaiting its incorporation. Dr. Ma has been putting out a newsletter that incorporates everything she has wanted to stress about this very diverse and fascinating area. I have only a few of them, but they are of great interest. She has a "Focus on Local Communities" column which, in April focused on the Chinese Community. In May there was a most interesting calendar of "Annual Celebrations

Incorporation of the organization, has another Focus on Local Communities, this time on the Sikh Community.

The Newsletters also have another very interesting feature. Ma has had students of various cultures from the High Schools go to see a film, and has published the resultant film review. The first one, in May, was a review of the film: *Selena*, by Lori Ann Mata, while in June Dan Saechang reviewed "Children of the Revolution". Both very thoughtful

County" which will include round-table discussions and taped interviews.

Eva Ma has written widely, including writings on the Chinese-American History: Political Science; U. S. Military Bases in the Western Pacific; the History of the Chinese in Oakland and Chinese Political Parties in the Western Hemisphere.

Born in North Carolina, she lived in New Orleans, went to college at age 17 (two years at Middlebury College in Virginia) and then to California where she earned her Bachelors at San Francisco State in Creative Writing, her Masters at Cal State Hayward in U. S. History and UC-Davis and UC-Berkeley in Modern Chinese History, and then back to school (Golden Gate) a few years ago to earn a J.D. (Juris Doctor) with an emphasis in Bankruptcy.

During this time she was married for 16 years. Her husband was from Taiwan, And Eva Ma has, in addition to all of the above degrees, a Ph.D. in Modern Chinese History, was an Assistant Professor on Chinese and Japanese History, did studies for the U.S. Corps of Engineers, and did a major study of South Korean.

Ma has three children, and is guardian of a 10-year-old grandson and has a 15-year-old son in high school. One daughter is in India and another in college at UC-Santa Cruz.

She is on several boards, including the Oakland Chinese History Groups Center, which became the Oakland Asian Center, and the Pacific Renaissance Center, where she

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of our Local Communities" which listed them all. In June, alone, there are: Duan-wu hieh (Dragon Boat Festival) of the Chinese community, Dia de Portugal (Portuguese and Brazilian), Silver Star Pow Wow (Native American), Rocket Festival of the Laotian community, Damehameha Competition (Hawaiian), Philippines Independence Day (Filipino community) Juneteenth (African American), and on for the rest of the year, including Muslim and Buddhist festivals, Independence Days (Brazilian, Guatemalan, Mexican and American), the Jewish Holy Days, and other festive days of the Sikhs, Laotians, Thais, etc.

The June Newsletter, after exulting over the final

and interesting. A note adds that "The movie reviews by high school students and youth groups has been promised support by Albany Twin Theaters" and hopes that other local movie theaters will soon join Albany Twin.

So now the organization can finalize some of the programs they have been working on. The first of these will be a reception which now has a firm date of Sept. 13, to be held at Maple Hall in San Pablo. In the works, also, is a cultural stage for the City of Hercules for their sister-city celebration in October, and a very important program that Celebrating Culture and Community has been working on: "Melting Pot or Salad Bowl: Meanings of Culture and Community in West Contra Costa

## Community Folk

By Clara Rae Genser



heads the Human Relations Committee (they are just hiring a permanent Executive Director), and, of course, this new organizations which excites her very much.

She refers me to the Board of Directors, which includes people from Albany, Hercules, El Sobrante, Richmond, El Cerrito, Walnut Creek and San Pablo. Their backgrounds are impressive and they seem eminently suited to such an organization. The Advisory Council, too, includes people from all parts of the area and include artists, teachers, community leaders and business and professional people.

Dr. Eva Ma has started an important, viable, organization, has given it a fine base with people who care and can help it build. I salute her, the

organization behind it. I agree, Costa County is full of every kind very diverse backgrounds are all better for Celebrating Culture and Community. Arlington Blvd. Phone 236-3255

Thank you, Clara (one of the Board members) for bringing Dr. Ma's Celebrating Culture and Community organization to my attention. I am always happy to do the work to me at 555 Pleasanton, CA 94706-4585. My email is cgenser@aol.com

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She has worked at the Metro-

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# lease

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city already owns and PDG to close escrow on with PDG September. The Redevelopment Agency has told Pet Food Express to vacate the premises, without compensation. Needless to say, relations between the retailer and the city are less than cordial. Hackles are raised on both sides, and attorneys are at attention.

The property to be developed is the Pet Food Express (PFE) building, Huber Avenue, Gill Street, and the vacant lot North of the building. The Agency has been trying to acquire the site since 1986.

At June 23 meeting, the City Redevelopment Agency passed a "resolution of necessity," which the property is blighted and needs to be acquired. The Agency's Bill states that a resolution of necessity comes into play when the property is blighted and needs to be acquired. This resolution is the last domino that, when it falls, will trigger the condemnation process.

However, the Bill states that even if the Agency initiates condemnation, negotiations with the owner and lessees will continue.

## Leases, options

When an agreement is reached, the courts will have a number of conflicting leases and claims by each side.

The Agency began leasing the building from owners Ken Simon and Black in 1992. That same year, Simon subleased the property to PFE. PFE has two concurrent agreements, an Assignment and Assumption agreement and an Option Agreement.

The Agency exercised its option to buy the property, and Simon and Black honored it.

said Community Development Manager Gerry Raycraft. PFE Vice President Mark Witriol, however, maintains that the city's lease, and thus his sublease, ran out in Jan. 5, 1994, and is therefore no longer binding.

The point is crucial, because the agreement, which the city says is still binding, stipulated that the Agency had the intention of buying and developing the property, and therefore PFE waived its right to relocation costs or benefits, loss of business goodwill, and tenant improvements.

Sticky enough, but it gets even more tangled.

The Agency says it exercised its option to buy the property from Black and Simon at the last possible moment, on Sept. 7, 1994 on the agreed upon 120th day prior to the expiration of its lease.

Around the same time, however, Simon and Black entered into its own lease with Pet Food Express, which included an option to buy.

Witriol claims the agreement was reached because the Agency's option ran out before it was exercised, while Raycraft claims Black and Simon, uncertain the city would have the money to honor the exercised option and entered into a second lease agreement with option to buy, hedged its bet by entering the contract with Witriol. Therefore, according to Raycraft, two parties, the Agency and PFE, were leasing the same property.

The Agency contends PFE's lease is invalid because it was signed while the city was already leasing the property after meeting the renewal deadline. Witriol charges that the city's lease is void because it missed the deadline, and further claims that the city coerced Simon and Black into agreeing to sell.

If the Agency were not buying the property on option, it would mean its lease had expired and with it PFE's assignment and assumption agreement and option agreement with the Agency. If that is the case, PFE's lease with option to buy with Jack Black and Ken Simon would be the only binding lease.

Further complicating matters, in a letter to Witriol dated February 1994, Gerry Raycraft wrote, "This is to advise you that the Agency has acquired the property ... It is our intention to honor, as Landlord, all the terms of the Lease Agreement dated Sept. 22, 1993 (the lease between PFE and Black/Simon). Accordingly your monthly payments in the amount of \$10,000 should be forwarded to my attention." The letter does not mention the 1992 assignment and assumption agreement or option agreement with PFE.

"Although we don't think that lease is valid because Witriol entered into it when we already had a lease with Jack Black and Kenneth Simon, we have still honored the lease," Raycraft said. "But we think the lease has no value. If that proves untrue, we may pay. But simply valuing the lease does not negate the assignment and assumptions agreement (which says the Agency owes PFE no relocation fees or benefits, etc.)."

There's more.

In a letter dated May 23, 1997, notifying Witriol that he must vacate the premises, Raycraft wrote "the Agency does not release, and has never released, PFE from its obligation as set forth in the Option Agreement" regarding compensation. The letter went on to say the Agency hired an appraiser who concluded that Witriol's lease payments exceeded "comparable lease rates for similar properties," and therefore "the appraised lease provides no economic advantage to the lessee."

"We are being fair," Raycraft

said. "Although we don't think the lease is valid, we spent the money to have it appraised. And we think the lease has no value."

"The real question is whether our space is worth more than \$1 per square foot for 17 years (the amount of time left on the second lease) or not," Witriol said. "The city says it is worth nothing. We say it is worth a lot. If nothing else, there will be a big legal fight."

To add yet another coal to the fire, the Agency used the lease PFE had with Black and Simon to finance its mortgage on the property during the disputed exercising of it, but nevertheless bought the property.

"They wanted to have their cake and eat it too," said Witriol. "They wanted the property and they needed the lease."

**A seat at the table or leftovers?**

PFE and the Agency have met head-on in court before. In mid-1996, after the city purchased the land, Witriol requested his security

deposit back on his sublease with the city, claiming he was now subject to the Black and Simon lease. Witriol brought the case to court on summary judgement. The judge ruled in PFE's favor, telling the Agency to give to return the deposit and pay half of PFE's legal fees.

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"Part of what is missing is that the Agency and (Pacific Development) tried really hard to get PFE to go into the project," Raycraft said. "That is a business decision for PFE. As someone said, they would rather be a litigant than a tenant."

PDG offered to go back and negotiate size with Walgreen's, Staples and Pep Boys so PFE could get a larger building, said Raycraft. But only on the condition that PFE did not take "the litigation road" against the Agency, said Raycraft. "I think they would be great there," he added.

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**Nuns On The Net:** Want someone to pray for your soul? Now you can do it online. Just e-mail your prayer request to "praypart@aol.com". That's the Web site for the Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters. According to the *Catholic Voice*, official publication of the Oakland Archdiocese, "Dozens of retired sisters will share in praying for your intention."

By the way, the *Catholic Voice* received a request of its own from Sister David Emmanuel Paula at Mercy Retirement and Care Center in Oakland.

It seems the *Catholic Voice* has been sending papers to several of her patients who have recently passed away. "Please discontinue their subscriptions to the *Catholic Voice*," she writes. "They have gone to God, and now get the early edition."

**De Gustibus:** More proof that Berkeley really is the gourmet ghetto: Last weekend, a raccoon sneaked into Heather Kaney's kitchen and made off with — a croissant!

When last seen, the little critter was headed down the hill, croissant in mouth, "looking for a Latte to go with it, no doubt," says Kaney.

Meanwhile, have you noticed the sprinkling system in the produce section of the Safeway on upper Shattuck?

To warn customers when the sprinklers are about to come on, the P.A. system plays the sound of ominous, rolling thunder. Then a strobe light flashes lightning, and the "rain" starts.

John Tangney asked one of the check-out clerks how it came about. "Each store is responsible for coming up with its own warning system," she said, "and the thunder and lightning is ours."

**Row, Row, Row Your Boat:** Congrats to the varsity eight from the Oakland Strokes — our local high school rowing club — who came in fifth at the National Championships in Cincinnati.

But they finished first in the classroom. All seven seniors on the squad have been admitted to prestigious colleges. Next year, George Wilcoxon will be at Princeton, Nick Bivins will be at the University of Washington, Sebastian Passanisi will be at UC-Santa Cruz, and Alex Thomas, George Washburn, Josh Lerner and John Logsdon will be rowing for dear old Yale.

They call themselves the Oakland Strokes, but this group is open to all local high school students, boys and girls. Since so many members are graduating, there are several slots open for next year. If you think your son or daughter would enjoy it, call Jerry Bratcher at 525-0395 he'll send you all the information you need.

**Tuning With The Enemy:** Berkeley piano tuner Ben Treuhaft is back from Cuba, where he and his First International Tuners Brigade restored pianos, tuned pianos, and gave a standing-room-only concert.

It's part of Treuhaft's "Send A Piano To Havana" campaign, which has shipped 35 uprights and grands to Cuba so far. In the process, they've ruffled the feathers of the U.S. State Department, which is trying to put Treuhaft in jail for "trading with the enemy." (I don't know about you, but I lie awake nights, worrying about well-tuned pianos just 90 miles off the coast of Florida.)

If you'd like to aid and abet Treuhaft in this improbable scheme — if you have an old piano moldering in your basement, or if you'd like to make a donation — contact him at the Underwater Piano Shop, 2005 Stuart St., Berkeley CA 94703.

Why does he call it "Underwater"? Says Treuhaft: "Because I sometimes tune below C level."

**Modified Rapture:** One last word about the International Gilbert & Sullivan Festival and my ongoing unrequited crush on Valerie Masterson.

I got tons of letters wanting to know how I could praise "The Mikado" while, in the same issue, Carol Egan trashed "The Pirates of Penzance."

Well, I went to "The Pirates," too, and I agree with everything Carol said. If anything, she was too kind.

The reason was that "The Mikado" was performed by the Gilbert & Sullivan Opera Company, which stands in direct apostolic succession to Gilbert & Sullivan themselves. But "The Pirates" was performed by a bunch of amateurs.

It all goes to show how spoiled we are by having The Lamplighters here in the Bay Area. I always knew they were good, but until I had a point of comparison, I never knew how good.

Kudos to everyone involved, but a special bouquet to three special ladies: Gillian Knight, who set the standard by which all future Katishas and Buttercups must be judged; her daughter, Rebecca Knight, who is going to be the biggest Gilbert & Sullivan star of them all one of these days; and, of course, the great Valerie Masterson.

Last Wednesday, Ms. Masterson turned to me and told me I was "lovely."

I may never wash my ears again.

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## Plaza

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restoration of Cerrito Creek, on the southern edge of the site.

### Design wins favor

On one side, there was very strong support of the D-EIR and the overall Plaza design. Although the hearing was supposed to be exclusively about the D-EIR, as often happens at D-EIR hearings, many of the comments rotated around design and feasibility.

Resident Raymond Ahern said he thought the draft EIR was "generally quite good." Mike Cole, an administrator for Orientation of the Blind on the Albany side of the Plaza, lauded the design. He said, as it is now for his blind students and himself (Cole is also blind), the design of the Plaza is so disorienting that it "may as well be a lake." Janet Abelson, a member of Albany/El Cerrito Access, an advocacy group for the disabled, also applauded the design, suggesting several spots for traffic signals and stressing the need for an accessible public restroom.

### Housing reception

What has become the most controversial component of the project, the residential units, garnered as much support as criticism. "The inclusion of residential is what makes the project feasible," Ahern said. "If that were to change, it would effect my support of the project." At least four other people repeated the same sentiment, arguing that adding that direct vein of clientele from the residential units will make for a healthy retail element.

About four other residents, however, argued against housing. Despite the fact that there is a "no housing" option, Rod Jeung of EIP Associates, the firm that produced the EIR, said "not providing housing is in conflict with the redevelopment plan." Resident Thom Stark noted that the residential units will necessarily include a low-income component because that is a redevelopment requirement.

Resident Anne Delehunt expressed frustration that all of the most controversial components — parking garage, cinema, and housing — were added to the proposal without any consensus.

Later, after being told that many people at the hearing liked the idea of housing, a "no housing" advocate said, "Well, the 'no housing' petition has about 1,000 signatures."

### Parking issues

There was also no consensus about the amount of parking needed. Resident Peter Loubal argued that accepted figures indicate the project's allotted parking is insufficient and noted that there was no traffic study done for the surrounding city streets, while many others noted that even when the Emporium was open, Plaza parking was never full.

Meanwhile, the Contra Costa Transportation Authority, BART, and the Redevelopment Agency are putting together and signing a memorandum of understanding to place a BART parking lot on the corner of the Plaza and nearest BART. While some residents are saying "we did not agree to this" and asking how

## Build

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oper Charles Oewel; El Cerrito resident and League of Women Voters member Denise Fleig; Frisco Del Rosario, a merchant and resident in the area, and a member of the Redevelopment Advisory Committee; Letitia Moore, of the Planning Commission; area residents Rosemary Loubal and Robert Sessler; and Councilmember Mark Friedman as facilitator.

About 12 other residents attended last week's meeting.

Among issues the task force grappled with:

- By whom and how should the public planning process be facilitated; and where should it be held;
- What kind of experts should be called upon and what studies should be done;
- At what point and how should these studies be presented to the public;
- How should the task force achieve community outreach.

During the course of the task force meeting, community concerns over the process separated into distinct categories. Some of the attendees expressed concern over past experiences with facilitated community planning processes, namely the South Gateway Community Planning Process.

Bruce Race, the facilitator hired for the South Gateway Process, has received mixed reviews from citizens involved. Some thought him pushy and manipulative, others considered him to the point and effective. Most members of the task force agreed, however, that an absence of advocacy would be required of any facilitator; they also agreed that the task force would choose the facilitator.

No decision was made, however, about who will make the final decision about the Del Norte BART/Mayfair development.

"No matter how inclusive or successful the process is, it will result in charges that the city council preempted the citizens," Resident Thom Stark contended.

For several months now, several citizens' distrust of both the council and the Redevelopment Agency has been slowing the governmental gears. Even citizens who do not share their views acknowledge the need to work around that distrust. The task force is an effort to overcome that distrust.

Because the process will rotate around community input, the task force was also concerned with making the process digestible and engaging. For the sake of accessibility and publicity, the task force even discussed setting up a tent on the Del Norte BART site itself.

The task force considered distributing an overview of the proposed project accompanied by other pertinent data beforehand, as a way of advertising the event. They discussed having this initial meeting on a July weekend afternoon, perhaps allowing it to run into the evening for merchants who cannot get away from their shops during the day. There was also mention of asking TCI to videotape the process so that community members who want to partake but miss a segment of the process can catch up.

BART is going to compensate the city. Agency members are pointing to Measure C, which El Cerrito voted in 1988 and included a parking garage.

"This is just the first step," Redevelopment Chair Jane Bartke said. "CCTA has agreed. We are waiting on BART. Then we will have to work out all the details: who will own it; who will police it, etc."

### Constructive Criticism

Several people commented on the lack of walkable connectivity between the BART station and the Plaza. In the proposed project, when BART patrons board or leave the train they will not see what will be the heart of the project, the town square section of the Plaza. They will be faced with a parking garage on the Plaza-side of Fairmont.

Also, both Steve Price of Sustainable El Cerrito and Resident Debbie Langstaff said the blank wall of the possible housing and cinema could lead to crime on the other side due to its indefensibility and inaccessibility.

Some residents felt it was too soon for an EIR, that the project was still largely undefined, with alternatives that vary widely from one another.

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) mandates the exploration of various alternatives to the proposed project. The D-EIR explores eight. The options range from Option B, leasing out the entire Plaza as is and Option D, reducing the housing by 50 units and, in the freed-up 1.5 acres, placing a 60,000-square-foot cinema complex, to Option G, having no housing at all, but instead more retail and office space.

Resident Ed Pancost said he thought the alternatives were not detailed enough. Katherine McKissock similarly said she thought the outline for the project was too sketchy. "We do not know who the tenants will be, whether there will be housing or not, whether there will be a theater, and how much all of this will cost." She said approving the D-EIR struck her as handing the Redevelopment Agency a blank check.

### Current Plaza

The Journal visited several Plaza retailers hours before the hearing and almost all of them were unaware of the hearing. And all of them were frustrated with the question mark perpetually suspended over their businesses. "We don't know anything," said Bruno Frisch of the Junket Delicatessen. "All we hear is rumors. We don't know who and what to believe anymore."

Mr. White of V.G. White Jewelers was less tentative. "I think the council needs a lesson in economics," he said. "I don't think they know how much it will cost to move us. Under my lease, they need to make everything the same as it was down to the address on my receipts. My door, it's special glass, it cost thousands to put in. My safe, my alarm system." White said he would rather stick with the development proposal put forward by current Plaza property owner Milton Bilak.

Bilak, owner of all the small businesses on the site, as well as the Lucky property, still refuses to sell his portion to Wilton/Terranomics. While the Agency says the property is worth \$15 million, Bilak claims it's worth between \$30 million and \$40 million. The Agency will have the property appraised, most likely in August. If the appraisal comes in too low for Bilak and he

and the Agency cannot compromise, issue will go to the courts in which a lengthy condemnation process

Although they were not at the attorneys responded to the D-EIR. Journal spoke to Bilak's primary attorney, but because Dolle's partner, Bill Kline, the D-EIR, Dolle was not prepared to issue to his clients, Dolle said they no doubt saw as deficiencies in the

"We are doing what we have to do, namely setting it up for a challenge."

Dolle also said he thought the Agency's appraisal within the next two judging by the amount of information piled it on the current economic Plaza. "How long it takes the city to do it public, is another matter. They may close to their chests," Dolle said.

Included in that information, and assessment, is a list of retailers that have of intent with Bilak to come in. Retailers include among others Bagels, Boston Market, Ross, Saks, Nobles, Cost Plus, and H&R Block.

Both Plaza General Manager James Bilak's son, Dorian, have expressed Bilak is blamed for the dilapidation of they said, the threat of Agency continuing the dilapidation by scaring away tenants.

Obviously, while the Agency clears the public hearing, it will have to clear before the potential of the Plaza. Currently, city staff is preparing a hearing's D-EIR comments, which are rated into the final EIR that comes agency for consideration.

### Local artist on exhibit

An exhibit featuring paintings by Mei-Yu Lo runs at the Albany Community Foyer Gallery, through Sept. 8.

Lo has studied painting and drawing in China, and painting and ceramics in the U.S. She received her BFA degree from the College of Arts and Crafts, and the University of Maryland Park East, Okinawa, Japan.

Applications for artists wishing to enter for future exhibits are available at the community Center, 1249 Marin Ave. Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. For details call Tanna Bellis at 525-0395.

## Landfill

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on their totem pole," Ekern says.

At present, a number of issues are being dealt with for the future park lands, including a cap and seal order that mandates the land be buried under clay, and deciding how to deal with a mass of steel, concrete and dense fill into a user-friendly portion of the landfill.

"The idea was to leave it as kind of a

## Police Chief Larry Murdo cites potential conflicts between users of the landfill and those who live there and might try to defend 'their property'.

removal is a cut and dry issue.

Saying he will not stand idly by while cultivated on public land (a number of parcels were made in recent operations), Murdo cites potential conflicts between users of the landfill who live there, saying he is concerned about becoming violent in defending "what they consider their property."

"That is my concern. I want that taken care of," Murdo says.

The thought of demolishing the landfill area does give Murdo some reason to pause. "The mention of the word 'bulldozer' is up a red flag for me," he says.

In the case of Mayor Good, he too is confronted with action that could cost him council's vote. "We have to do this and due consideration of these people's lives," he says.

While such an ordinance is, according to administrator Daren Fields, not coming up, he also cites the issue as one that might be a simple fix. "There's no short-term fix. We're going to work toward addressing the problems," he says.

Beyond removing the squatters from the city would also be faced with keeping the area clean, an experience that could prove costly and weeks and years pass by. As says police will conduct more operations and that if contraband is found in plain sight, arrests will be made.

And on the matter of the proposed ordinance, says he will push for council members to take the issue and then leave it up to the voters. "These are things the council has to decide," Murdo says. "I will abide by the

The next Del Norte task force meeting will be held on June 26 at 7 p.m. at the Del Norte Place Meeting Room, 11720 San Pablo Ave.



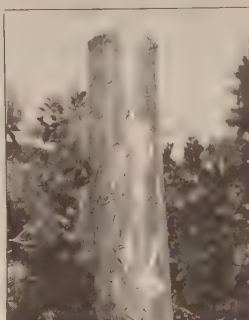




## East Bay Events

## Water sculptures on display at New Leaf

A New Leaf Gallery, 1286 Gilman St., is bringing together a group of unique sculpture with water. The 6th annual show will run from June 28 through Sept. 7 and will feature primarily works designed exclusively for the gallery. The 40 works on view were created by 22 artists from five states and range in materials such as bronze, marble, granite, copper, aluminum, stainless steel ceramic, concrete and wood. From small geometric cooper to over 10-foot-tall surrealist mixed-media, the 40 pieces span the spectrum in size, medium and style and have qualities suitable for any garden or atrium setting. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The reception for the artists takes place Saturday, June 28 from 3 to 5 p.m.



Elizabeth Rose's 'Bathers'

By Barbara L. Sloane

**THE NEW FATHER: A DAD'S GUIDE TO THE FIRST YEAR** by Armin A. Brott (Abbeville Press, 239 pages, \$10.95) **I SAW A MAN HIT HIS WIFE** by Mark Greenside (White Pine Press, 188 pages, \$14.00)

Articles and books about parenting have recently taken on a new focus: the importance of fathers. Long before the how-to books acknowledged this truism, fiction authors had often dealt with the father-child relationship and its impact on an individual's development.

Two East Bay writers have added their voices to the exploration of this generations-old topic, one with a practical, down-to-earth guidebook to a new first-time father. The other with a penetrating fictional glance into the complex connection between progenitor and offspring.

Armin A. Brott writes with authority in his guide for new fathers. A father of two himself, Brott previously authored *The Expectant Father: Facts, Tips, and Advice for Dads-To-Be*. He has also written on the subject of fatherhood for numerous newspapers and magazines. He hosts a weekly radio show on KOIT-AM & FM on parenting and lives with his family in Berkeley.

Brott's book for new fathers is laid out in a format bound to please. Month by month through a child's

first year, he leads the father with a detailed explanation of what to expect.

Brott probably expresses the attitude of most fathers toward babies when he says:

"Whenever I imagined myself with a child of my own, she was always two or three years old and we were walking on the beach holding hands, wrestling, playing catch, telling stories. The thought that babies start off as tiny, helpless infants never really crosses my mind, and I wouldn't have been able to describe what I—or anyone else, for that matter—would do with a baby."

So Brott, who obviously learned what to do, attempts to reassure all other uninformed fathers. His chapters follow a strict structure. Each month's account describes (1) What's Going On with the Baby, physically, intellectually, verbally and emotionally; (2) What You're Going Through; (3) You and Your Baby; and (4) Family Matters.

He doesn't shy away from the unspoken problems that often create tension between partners: resumption of sex, financial constraints, postpartum depression, the "difficult" baby, jealousy and the emotional and psychological changes new parents experience.

At two months Brott includes a complete list of recommended vaccinations, at three months a list of suggested books to read to the infant, at seven months, tips on baby-proofing the house.

Cartoons sprinkled liberally throughout the book add a necessary lighter tone, as does Brott's writing style. This is an author who can talk openly about his own personal experiences in a manner which indicates how he survived the first year and how much he enjoys parenting.

It would be misleading to represent Mark Greenside's collection of short stories, *I Saw a Man Hit His Wife*, as being only about the parent-child relationship. Most of the stories by this Oakland author have been published previously in various literary magazines, and he writes about men and women and the complexities of love in our times.

However, the story "Father's Day" is the one that will remain long in my memory. With the opening paragraph, Greenside captures the special bond that exists between children and their parents, in this case, a father and a son.

"It astounds me, the relationship between kids and their parents. You take a guy, an average guy—someone with nothing outstanding going for him—he may not even be nice. And there by his side is his kid. As far as the kid is concerned, this guy is the universe. All this kid wants is this guy's eye, his hand, a look, a hint, a whisper of some recognition. The guy touches the kid, rubs his head, takes his hand, and the kid looks at him as if he's in heaven..."

This sight takes the narrator back in time to his own father and the painful incident in their lives which brought the father hero down to hu-

man size. In Greenside's account lies all the love and for being seen as what is a like human beings.

In "Mementos" the concern is that his son is his father's mother to be. In "The Competitor" the father's revealing episode with his father's eyes to his real life his father.

For the middle-aged "Modern Myth" the father dealing with his fears of observing his son's life as a friend.

By and large, Greenside deal with modern love from a viewpoint, which is often the lead story "What's Women, Anyway?" the year-old Lenny Cohen (two), daughter and second.

The collection's title and lines love's boundaries are against his will, is a periment with ever new harmful sexual activities.

Older people, still long love's surface and "Dreamers of Dream" women hunting (frustration) someone/anyone to love. "Fantasy" and "Her Name Knows Won't Like Her Name" There is a bewilderment in many of Greenside's suspect they will speak of nearing middle age and

## Institute features fellowship awards

The Kala Art Institute is currently holding its Fellowship Awards Exhibitions, Part III through Aug. 8 at the institute's Workshop Media Center Gallery at 1060 Heinz Ave. A reception for the artists will be held today, June 26, from 6 to 8 p.m. Featured artists include Nicole Hahn, Eunice Kim and Seiko Tachibana. The gallery is open Tuesday through Friday from 12 to 5 p.m. and at other times by appointment. For information call 549-2977.

## Berkeley watercolorists featured



Papa's Restaurant at 2026 University Ave. is currently featuring the works of Berkeley Watercolorists, a group of about 40 artists who meet weekly to paint and study together. The group began 10 years ago when three friends who met at a Vista College watercolor class decided to continue to meet after the class ended. The summer group show will continue through July 31.

Japanese garden (left) by Andree' Leenaars.

## Music

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to me, once again, that body music can be combined with so many different forms.

"But I think the biggest influence for me was more of a social one. I felt like we were really blessed with a remarkable group of people. The 12 performers from the U.S. were from different regions of the country. It was a very

culturally and racially mixed group. People came together and everyone was willing to jump over the language, religion and cultural differences and become a group. We were together so much, over a period of several months, that we even developed a language that was a mixture of Indonesian and English. The group really coalesced.

"When we were done with the project, I spent a lot of time thinking about what had happened socially with this group, how the group came together. What had we done to lay the groundwork for this to happen? Is it something that we could duplicate in other situations so that people of very diverse backgrounds could come together quickly and form an ensemble?"

To investigate this issue further, Terry enrolled in the Summer Institute for Intercultural Communications in Portland. For the last three years Terry has been a guest lecturer at the Institute. This summer he will co-teach a new course with a professor of Intercultural Communications. "Nothing quite like this has ever been done at this Institute. It's basically a course about non-verbal communication and the use of rhythm, time, timing and synchronization in communication. It's a lot about Body Tjak because it was a rhythmically oriented project. After thinking about this

for many years, I think it really informed our relationships, because it was all about rhythm, and that's how we connected so quickly as a group. We became in synch with each other."

Terry's students at the Institute will include ambassadors from all over the world, CEOs of multinational corporations, native American elders, and "everything in-between." Another very important development of the Body Tjak project was Terry's formation of a more permanent group. The result of this idea was the creation of Crosspulse, a five-member multicultural ensemble now four

and a half years old and produce its second CD.

The day after the group on Sunday, Terry and his forces with eight other experts to lead a five-day intensive music/dance workshop in Francisco. Then it's his hearse, separately at eventually in tandem production of Perayana celebration.

## Shakespeare

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Florentine virgin. Much of the second half's jollity, in fact, hangs on the merry scheming among Helen, Diana, her widowed mother (Lynne Soffer) and her friend, Mariana (Melanie Hermann).

Kay Kostopoulos, in full, rich Countess costume by Elizabeth Poindexter, is coolly regal as Helen's protectress; Michael Morgan, effective as Lord Lafeu who comes fully armed to the battle of wits; and W. Francis Walters, an imperious king of France.

In accentuating *All's Well's* females, Vincent and company have either by design or casting accident all but eliminated the males. With a war allegedly waging in the wings, the fussing and fighting soldiers are a motley bunch, funny, but out of step. La Vatch (Jonathan Haugen), the fool, is out-fooled; Paroles, who should be the blustering center of Shakespeare's brilliant war of words, a pale shade of Falstaff as interpreted by Ted Barton.

Scenic designer Eric E. Sinkkonen, who created the setting for the Festival's 1991 *All's*

*Well*, tops himself with cloud-capped towers of Paris and Florence in elegant but warm cherrysque wood.

The California Shakespeare Festival, off Highway 24 on Gateview Boulevard, performs *All's Well That Ends Well* nightly except Monday at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 4 p.m. through June 28 and July 22 to July 27.

The Festival's 1997 summer season continues in July with the romance, *Pericles Prince of Tyre*, — *Midsummer Night's Dream* in August and concludes with a rare departure from Shakespeare, Euripides' *Medea* in September.

## Morain

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tive in the Theatre program and switched her major to theatre, receiving her BFA in Theatre in 1977.

Having seen an advertisement for A.C.T.'s Training Program Morain came to San Francisco where she auditioned and was accepted into A.C.T.'s MFA program. In her second year, however, she underwent an "existential crisis," and dropped out.

"I wasn't convinced that theatre had a contributory impact to the world, and it had become very important to me to participate in something that made a difference. I had friends who were doing things like tutoring underprivileged kids and working with drug-rehab, and I just thought, 'What I am doing? The world is insane, and I'm down here in a basement for eight weeks pretending to be a character in *The Cherry Orchard* that we'll perform twice for 20 people. What am I doing with my life?'"

"I just stopped acting. The thing that got me going again was when I was sitting with my friends (the community outreach people), and they were talking about what they were going to do that weekend. I suddenly realized that all these people I admired turned to art for replenishment. There's a little silly saying that I can't get out of my mind, 'Food is to the body as art is to the soul.' " Once her depression passed, and she was taken back into the training program which she finished that same year. Eventually she completed her thesis and received her MFA in 1983.

Since then Morain has been a

very busy actress, playing literally hundreds of roles. She spent three and a half years as a company member with Berkeley Rep and has been seen in many theatres throughout the Bay Area. Last season alone her assignments ranged from A.R. Gurney's *Sylvia* at the San Jose Repertory Theatre (she played the wife) to Helen Jones in *Machinal* (A.C.T.)

"What very different women they are. One of the things I do relish about being an actor is that you explore what it is like to walk in someone else's shoes. You actually have to learn how to think like another person." Morain was once shocked to find herself thinking and feeling too much like the mean-hearted, racist Carrie in *Toys in the Attic*, a character she found "...the most complex, the woman I most detested as a person. I wouldn't want to know her."

Morain's acting career has been blessed. In 14 years of activity in the professional theatre, she has had less than two months off. Eight of those years have been spent in Ashland where she performed classical and modern repertory with the Oregon Shakespeare Festival and taught and toured with their school outreach program. She continues to be active in Ashland when time allows. Just prior to beginning rehearsal in Berkeley she spent several weeks in Alaska doing another outreach program for the Oregon Shakespeare Festival.

A devoted animal lover, in her spare time, rehearsal schedule permitting, Morain is a volunteer at the San Francisco S.P.C.A. where she acts as adoption-counselor and, when needed, dog walker.

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# Arlington Baptist celebrating 50th anniversary

Five former pastors of Arlington Baptist Church, 7140 Potrero Avenue in El Cerrito, will be honoring its 50th anniversary during its "Golden Anniversary Week," July 6-11. "A church celebrates its 50th anniversary once in a lifetime," said Reverend Michael Callaghan, pastor of the church, "and we will bestow honor on the individuals who are responsible for its longevity."

The celebration, marking the church's 50th anniversary, will be held on Sunday with the founding pastor, Michael Schepis of Wichita, Mass., speaking and giving testimony about the early days of the church. He will speak during Sunday school at 10 a.m., the Morning Service at 11 a.m., and the Evening Service at 6:30 p.m. Dr. Schepis, who served as pastor from 1947 to

1953, presently serves as the associate pastor of the Friendship Baptist Church of Wichita.

Services during the week will begin at 7 p.m. each night. Former pastor, Rev. Charles Wilkins, who served from 1976 to 1985, will speak on Monday. Dr. Michael Callaghan, presently serving as pastor since 1991, will speak on Tuesday. Rev. William Cheuvront, who served from 1966 to 1970 will speak on Wednesday. Rev. Eugene Leavell, who served from 1970 - 1973, will speak on Thursday, and Dr. Don Davis, who served from 1957 - 1966, will speak on Friday.

Arlington Baptist Church was originally established as the Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church of Berkeley, July 6 1947. Nine charter members called Rev-

erend Jay Pruden as the interim pastor until Michael Schepis was called to pastor the church in October 1948. Under his leadership, the church obtained property at 6382 Arlington Blvd. in Richmond and the following Sunday the church's name was changed to the Arlington Baptist Church of Richmond. In 1956, construction began on the existing building that was completed a year later. In 1980 the Trinity Baptist Church of El Cerrito voted to merge with the Arlington Baptist Church, thus acquiring all properties and assets.

The church conducts its weekly services at 7140 Potrero in El Cerrito. The original location at 6382 Arlington Blvd. houses the church offices and Arlington Christian School, an open-enrollment Chris-

tian Day School that serves 100 pupils in kindergarten through 12th grades. The church also operates a bus ministry that provides transportation for people in the surrounding East Bay communities, a worldwide missionary program that supports 13 missionaries, a rest home ministry, a prison ministry, an active youth ministry, children's ministries and a Christian bookstore. Pastor Callaghan is currently assisted by five full time and five part time staff members.

Pastor Callaghan invites the public and all former members of Arlington Baptist Church to join the celebration. A nursery will be provided for children up to three years of age. For more information, transportation or directions, call the church office at 233-2556.

## ■ Newsline

### One-day Kaiser nurses walkout

Registered nurses employed by Kaiser Permanente will hold a one-day strike July 7, a spokesman for the California Nurses Association announced.

The walkout would be the second such work stoppage in the last three months.

Kaiser and the California Nurses Association are currently in disagreement on terms for a new contract to replace the one that expired on Jan. 30.

Kaiser spokesman Tom Debley said Kaiser administrators have begun taking measures preparing for the pending strike, including the rescheduling of routine appointments currently set for July 7.

### County scrutinizes gas prices

The Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors wants to know why county residents are paying a premium for gasoline when they live in an area that refines a major portion of the fuel produced in the state.

The board voted today to ask California Attorney General Dan Lungren to look into the issue of gas pricing and determine whether major refineries are breaking any laws when they set rates.

Supervisor Mark De Saulnier first raised the issue in May after he saw news reports that consumers in the San Francisco Bay area pay more for gas than residents of other regions in the state.

De Saulnier said oil company executives have told him that prices at the pump simply reflect what the market will bear, and do not depend on the cost of producing fuel or the distance that must be covered to deliver it.

But De Saulnier said that policy may involve charging lower rates in areas like Los Angeles where independent suppliers create more competition, and shifting costs to Northern California communities like Contra Costa County. He said it's only fair that county residents who live next door to the refineries should get a break on the price of gas. "Our citizens don't seem to get the benefits at the gas pump that you would think they would get," De Saulnier said.

Refinery representatives could not be reached for comment.

County Counsel Vic Westman said the county arguably has the power to impose some regulation on gas prices within its jurisdiction, or to bar oil companies from also franchising the gas stations that market their products. But forcing divestiture of service stations could expose the county to inverse condemnation lawsuits by the refineries for reimbursement of lost profits, Westman advised.

San Francisco Supervisor Michael Yaki has asked the city attorney's office to research a possible ordinance designed to control gas prices. Contra Costa and San Francisco are among the California counties that are monitoring the progress of an antitrust lawsuit filed in San Diego against nine major refining companies on behalf of California's 21 million drivers.

Sam Khoury, a private attorney in the class action suit, claimed the oil companies have illegally conspired to fix prices and drive up demand by limiting the total supply of the reformulated gasoline that is now required by California's "clean fuels" law.

Khoury charged the major refiners with squeezing out competition from independent retailers by refusing to sell adequate supplies of reformulated gas to service stations unaffiliated with oil companies. He claimed the strategy allows the big companies to enforce the so-called "zone pricing" that keeps pump prices higher in some regions.

### Library tax exemption

The City of Albany is currently accepting applications for the Library Tax Low Income Homeowner Exemption and the Library Tax Renter Rebate. Applications are available at Albany City Hall — Finance & Administrative Services Department, 1000 San Pablo Ave. All applicants must submit proof of eligibility.

To be considered applications must be received by July 15 at 5 p.m. For more information please call the Finance & Administrative Services at 528-5730.

### Your reading skills could brighten a day

If you love to read, then you know the difference books make in your life. There are seniors in Albany who need volunteers to bring them books from the library. A senior who is a shut-in has many hours to fill. Won't you help by delivering books to a senior in your community? The rewards are many and the time commitment is only two or three hours a month.

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## Dishing the Dish with The Maven

Sometimes, when restaurants have been around for awhile, they are taken for granted, and forgotten. The folks in Palo Alto haven't forgotten L'Aimee Donia off of University down the Peninsula, but perhaps we in the North Bay have forgotten what a fab place this is...

The Maven revisited Donia last Friday. What a great meal. The foie gras was magnificent — creamy, crunchy, to die for (literally). And the duck confit. The most flavorful, juicy meat imaginable, falling off the leg bone. My oh my...

Check out the Saint Mary's College 23rd Wine and Food Festival in Moraga Sunday from 1-5 p.m. Tickets are \$35 in advance, \$40 at the door. Call 934-5438 for information or to order tickets...

If you couldn't get to Kincaid's Bayhouse in Jack London Square for the short Copper River salmon season, the restaurant has extended the promotion and will be featuring other Alaska seafood in the coming weeks such as Alaska King salmon, applewood grilled Gulf of Alaska halibut, broiled Alaska Prince William Sound rockfish, grilled Alaska spot prawns, Alaskan steamer clams, Dungeness crab, and white cod. Call 835-8600 for resies...

Gloria Ferrer Champagne Caves in the Cameros region of Sonoma, has announced its fifth annual Catalan Festival July 12-13. Aside from the wines, food from Berkeley's new Lucio's (The Maven's been there twice. Wonderful), Bolero (Larkspur), Timos Norte (S.F.), Ann Walker (San Rafael), Mistral (Santa Rosa), and the Thirsty Bear (S.F.) will be served. In addition, Flamenco will be played. Cost is \$25, which includes a Champagne flute. Call 763-BASS, for tix...

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### Children

#### Lawrence Hall of Science

July 12; noon, 12:45 and 1:30 p.m.; AbracaDelta in the Lawrence Hall of Science Discovery Theatre, find out where our drinking water comes from.

#### Ongoing

**Hall of Health** — A hands-on community health education museum and science center sponsored by Children's Hospital Oakland and Alta Bates Medical Center.

"This is Your Heart!" An interactive exhibit on heart health; Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; 2230 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 549-1564.

**La Peña Cultural Center** — Saturday Morning Children's Program, 10:30 a.m. Every Saturday morning there is a program of stories and songs for children; 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 849-2572; \$3 general; \$2 children; 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 849-2568.

**Museum of Children's Art**; The Museum of Children's Art is a museum where any child has access to viewing, creating and exhibiting art. The MOCHA gallery exhibits art created by children locally, nationally and internationally, while the art studio allows them the opportunity to create art in workshops, camps, field trips or on their own.

**Martial Arts for Kids**; 5:45 - 6:45, Monday through Thursday; instruction in genuine aikido-jujitsu for ages 5 - 14, one month free with the purchase of a quality \$31 uniform; Sennin Foundation Center for Japanese Cultural Arts, 10323 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito; 526-7518.

#### Classes

**June 26**  
**Build a Healthy Back**; 6:45 - 9:15 p.m.; also July 3; Albany Adult School, Albany High School; 655 Keyroute; 559-6580; \$11 fee, please pre-register.

**July 1**  
**How to use the resources at Berkeley's Public Access Television Center**; 6:30 p.m.; free orientation, \$25 membership fee covers the beginning of a three part field & edit video class July 8 & 15 & 9 p.m.; call for more details and space reservation, Rick Sylvain 848-2288; Berkeley Community Media.

**Ongoing**  
**Health, Fitness & Community Education**; classes open to all in salsa, flamenco, ballroom, Afro-Brazilian, bellydance, modern jazz, yoga, chi gung, tai chi, aikido karate, self-defense, fitness boxing, and more; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; 848-6370; \$7 - \$10 drop in fees.

**No Sweat Aerobic & Dance Studio**

Tribal Bellydance with "Luna" Sundays at 10:15 a.m. & Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Latin Rhythms with Tedje Rose Sundays 12:30 p.m. & Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Braslian Dance with Conceicao Sundays at 11:30 a.m.; Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:15 a.m.

World Beat Workout by Kristi Rudolf Saturday at 11:30 a.m.; Monday at 5:30 p.m. & Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

1831 Solano Avenue, Berkeley; 528-1958; \$7 - \$9.

#### Community Events

**June 28 & 29**  
**Annual Book Sale**; 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Friends of the Albany Library's big annual sale, magazines, records, CDs, videos, and of course, books; Bargain Bag Sale Sunday from 1:30 - 4 p.m. (a bag of books for \$2); at the Albany Library and Community Center, 1247 Marin Avenue.

**Ongoing**  
**Class of 77 Reunion**; El Cerrito High class of 77 is looking for you. Aug. 30 is the 20 year reunion date for the ECHS class of 77. If you, or someone you know, graduated in 1977 and did not receive an invitation please phone Liz Hamala or Mark Canepa at 525-3266.

**Song Contest**: Chief Operator Teen Driving Program, teens are urged to write their own Traffic Safety Song for prizes, fame, and public education; Chief Operator Program, c/o Albany Police Dept., 1000 San Pablo Ave., Albany, 94706 Deadline is Oct. 15.

**Volunteers Needed to work in the Alzheimer's Respite Social Day Car program**, Tuesdays from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. No experience necessary; call Ellen, 215-4340 for more information.

**Crisis Support Services of Alameda County**; motivated, committed people needed to serve the 24-hour crisis lines; formerly Suicide Prevention; 848-1515.

**20 Year Reunion**: Holy Names High School Class of 1977; call Seaneen McCarthy at 530-0350.

**Kensington 55+ Activity Center**  
June 26; Travel; Jackie Hetman shows slides of the Volga River, pt. 1. July 3; 11 a.m.; Picnic excursion to Blake Gardens Call for the regular weekly schedule.

Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington; 526-9146.

#### Exhibits

**July 1**  
**Figures**; 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Wednesday - Sunday; Robert Horning, Titia Gudde, Otto Rojas; through July 27, artist reception July 6; Viva Gallery, 1440 University Ave., Berkeley.

**"A Year of Quilts"** an exhibit of 12 bed quilts by Mabry Benson of Kensington; through July 29; artist reception July 2; New Pieces Fabric, 1597

Solano Avenue, Berkeley; 527-6779

**Nature and Cloth**; exploring the relationship of nature to cloth; through July 31; Kathryn Alexander and Carol Lee Shanks; 1250 Addison St., Berkeley, Studio 209 and 214 (respectively).

#### Ongoing

**Tyrell Collins and Erin Fitzgerald**; paintings, through July 19; Sticks Gallery, 1579 Solano Ave., Berkeley, La Peña.

**Espresso Roma Gallery**, "Belize it or Not," Tom Siporin's paintings of Caribbean, exotic wildlife, quiet Caye harbors and playful children of Belize; through July 3; 1540 Hopkins at Monterey; 653-7467.

**"Just One Moment, Please!"**; fiber artists were challenged to create quilts, dolls, or garments with not more than one third yard or less than one quarter yard of Momen House fabrics, their collective efforts will be on exhibit, with store customers invited to vote on the best pieces; through June 30; New Pieces, 1579 Solano Ave., Berkeley; 527-6779.

**Jews, Germany, Memory: Photographs by Edward Serotta, 1988 - 96**; the Berlin-based photojournalist's thought-provoking photos and text probe the future of Jewish life in contemporary unified Germany; through Oct. 12; Judah L. Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St., Berkeley; 549-6950.

**A Celebration of Three Decades at the Berkeley Art Center**; featuring 20 artists, including Robert Bechtle, Enrique Chagoya, Lia Cook, Barry McGee, Richard Misrach, Betye Saar, and others; through July 12; Berkeley Art Center, 1275 Walnut Street; 644-6893.

**Berkeley Historical Center and Museum**; "Berkeley Leads: 35 Years of Disability Rights," through October. An exhibit documenting the history of the disability rights movement and also the origins of the Physically Disabled Students' Program at University of California Berkeley in 1962.

Free, Thursday through Saturday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. 1931 Center St., Berkeley. (510) 848-0181.

**UC Museum of Paleontology**; "Tyrannosaurus rex," A 20-foot tall, 40-foot long replica of the fearsome dinosaur. The replica is made from casts of bones of the most complete T. rex yet excavated. When unearthed in Montana, the bones were all lying in place with only a small piece of the tailbone missing.

"Teranodon," A suspended skeleton of a flying reptile with a wingspan of 22 to 23 feet. The Teranodon lived at the same time as the dinosaurs.

California Fossils Exhibit. An exhibit of some of the fossils which have been excavated in California.

Free, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Lobby, Valley Life Sciences Building, University of California, Berkeley. (510) 642-4877.

**Richmond Museum of History** "Fertile Ground: The Richmond Area Circa 1900," open-ended. A look at Richmond as it was 90 years ago when it was primarily an agricultural community. The exhibit covers home life, recreational pursuits and the agricultural community which consisted of dairy farms and farms raising wheat, hay and grain.

"The History of Richmond from Native Americans to the Shipyards of the 1940s," permanent exhibit. An exhibit of artifacts, vehicles, clothing and photographs which tells the history of Richmond. Wednesday through Sunday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. 400 Nevin Ave., Richmond. (510) 235-7387.

**La Peña Cultural Center**  
Through July 15; Malaquias Montoya 30 year retrospective; renowned painter/printmaker best known for his dynamic political posters and graphics that were instrumental in launching the Chicano Arts Movement of the '60s.

Through Aug. 3; Balance con Huevos: Awareness of Power, photography by Kristina Ruiz-Healy.

Through Aug. 3; Earth Tones, a multi-cultural art show exploring the earth and its human connections.

3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 849-2568.

#### Lectures and Workshops

**June 26**  
**Aromatherapy Evening**; 6:30 p.m.; learn how to incorporate aromatherapy into your everyday life, 10 percent off all products after the class; Body Time, 1942 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; register at 841-5818.

**June 27**  
**Chicano Art roundtable**; 8 p.m.; noted Chicano artists and activists join in a provocative roundtable to exchange views on the critical role of Chicano art and activism approaching the new millennium; La Peña Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley; 849-2568.

**June 28**  
**Public Forum with Bernie Sanders**; 8 p.m.; neither a democrat nor a republican, Sanders, honorable representative from Vermont, is currently Chair of the U.S. House of Representatives' Progressive Caucus; sponsored by independent bookstores, independent radio, and an independent publisher; King Middle School, 1781 Rose St. at Grant; \$10.

**June 29**  
**"Walking the Bodhisattva"**; 6 p.m.; June Rosenberg on Tibetan Literature, a talk based on a great Buddhist classic, "Entering the Path of enlightenment" by 7th century master Shantideva; Tibetan Nyingma Institute; 1815 Highland Place, Berkeley; 843-6812.

**June 30**  
**Designing From Nature**; 7:30 p.m.; Joan Colvin's approach to quilted fiber, part painting, part collage, the author of Quilts From Nature and The Nature of Design; First Unitarian Church, 1 Lawson Rd. at Mooser Lane,

Kensington; 524-3760; non-members, \$3.

#### Ongoing

**Discussion Group for Children of Holocaust Survivors**; 6:30 - 8 p.m.; an eight week discussion group, topics include the experience and legacy of growing up in a survivor family, thoughts and feelings about the Holocaust, talking with family members about the Holocaust, Jewish identity and other topics of interest to the group; through August 18; Jewish Family & Children's Services of the East Bay, 2484 Shattuck Ave., Suite 210, Berkeley; advanced registration required, 704-7475, Ms. Verdoner; \$10.

**Turning Point Career Center**  
June 26; 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.; Working With People: Who? Where? How? What Fits You? \$5 for nonmembers.

July 1; 7 - 8 p.m.; Network from where you are to where you want to be; \$5 for nonmembers

July 1; noon - 1 p.m.; A Career in the Hospitality Field; Brianna Johnson, guest speaker; \$3

University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; 848-6375.

#### Literary Events

**June 27 & 28**  
**Not for the World Wide**; 8 p.m.; short stories by Katherine Mansfield, Dorothy Parker and Eudora Welty, performed by Valerie de Jose, directed by Allen Branson, presented by the Berkeley Arts Festival; Berkeley Storefront Gallery, 2295 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 665-9496; \$12/\$8.

**Black Oak Books**  
June 26; 7:30 p.m.; Clare Cooper Marcus; *House As a Mirror of Self* June 27; 7:30 p.m.; Blanch McCrary Boyd; *Terminal Velocity* June 30; 7:30 p.m.; Anastasia Hobbitt; *Pleasure of Believing* 1491 Shattuck Avenue at Vine, Berkeley; 486-0698

**Gaia Bookstore and Community Center**  
June 26; 7:30; Layne Redmond; *When Women Were Drummers* June 27; 7:30; Lydia Bird; *Sonnets: One Woman's Voyage from Maryland to Greece*

1400 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 848-GAIA; all events \$3.

**Easy Going Travel Shop & Bookstore**

June 30; Karen Elizabeth Gordon, Laura Sheppard and Holly Johnson give a dramatic reading from Gordon's new book *Paris Out of Hand*.

1385 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 843-3533.

**La Peña Cultural Center**  
Open Mic Poetry in the cafe has new summer hours, Wednesdays beginning at 8 p.m. except for Nina and Diana's workshops every third Wednesday.

3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 849-2568.

#### Meetings

##### Ongoing

**East Bay Genealogical Society**; 10 a.m. the second Wednesday of every month; every meeting is preceded by an hour (9 a.m. - 10 a.m.) of casual "drop in" meeting for members and guests who are encouraged to bring problems to the forum for help and possible solutions; Latter Day Satins Interstake Center, 4798 Lincoln Ave., Oakland, Room 30; 635-6692.

##### Gray Panthers

June 27; noon; Education Committee

The Berkeley Gray Panthers need office space immediately. Must be near a major bus line, with disabled accessibility, and have very reasonable rent — any leads appreciated! Call 527-3790

**Avatar Metaphysical Toastmasters**; 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.; public speaking skills and metaphysics come together; ongoing meetings first and third Thursdays; 2515 Hillegass Ave., Berkeley; 848-6510.

#### Music

**June 29**  
**Matthew Owens**; cellist plays original compositions, Berkeley Art Center weekly chamber concerts, 1275 Walnut Street, Lie Oak park.

**Jerry Kuderna**; 4 p.m.; performance of Beethoven's Choral Fantasy for piano, orchestra and chorus, the audience will be invited to join the chorus; 665-9496.

##### Blake's

June 26; Jazz Funk Konnection with Groove Junkies; \$3

June 27; The Fabulous Hedgehogs with Rubberneck; Rock/Jazz/Funk; \$5 June 28; The Jenny Thing with Cottonhead; Rock; \$5

June 29; New Band Showcase, TBA; Rock; \$2

June 30; Steve Gannon and the Monday Blues Jam; \$3

2367 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley; 848-0886

**Claremont Resort Dancing**  
June 26; 9 p.m. - 12 a.m.; Orchestra Original (Salsa)

June 27; 9 p.m. - 1 a.m.; Daddy Goddus (Funky Jazz)

June 28; 9 p.m. - 1 a.m.; Wendy De Witt (Rockin' Blues)

Terrace Bar at the Claremont Resort offers no cover, validated parking, dance lessons on swing and salsa nights. The Lounge at Jordan's offers live jazz on Friday and Saturday from 7 - 11 p.m.; Ashby and Domingo Avenues, Oakland; 843-3000, 800-551-7266.

##### Jupiter

June 26; 8:30 p.m.; That One Guy

June 27; 6 p.m.; Matt Cowan Duo; 8:30 p.m.; Marcus Shelby Trio

June 28; 8:30 p.m.; Herb

2181 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; (510) THE-TAPS; no cover.

**La Peña Cultural Center**

June 28; 9:30 p.m.; Dr. Loco's Rockin' Jalepeno Band; \$8

June 29; 7 p.m.; Avotjca & Yassir Chadly; \$8

3105 Shattuck Ave.; Berkeley 849-2568.

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June 26; 9:30 p.m.; Backwash (members from the Love Props) \$3

June 27; 9:45 p.m.; Lunchbox, Action Slacks, Veloria; \$5

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#### Outdoors

##### June 26

**Backpacking the Remote Corners of the American West: Idaho, Montana, Wyoming**; 7 p.m.; Lee Mercer gives a slide presentation and tips on trip planning and backcountry safety (bears, river crossing) to help you make the most of your backpacking vacations; REI, 1338 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley, 527-4140

##### June 28

**Outdoor Rock Climbing**; all day outdoor rock climbing course, presented

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##### June 29

**Skateboard Demo**; 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.; ramps, funboxes and quarter pipes for all skill levels and lots of space, skateboard raffle; Center Street between Milvia and Martin Luther King Jr. Way; donations wanted to help buy cement and steel for Berkeley's permanent Skate Park.

**Berkeley History Walking Tours**; 10 a.m. - noon; Industrial Margins: Lower Gilman Street Area led by Ken Duffy and Ken Cardwell, meet at the Tannery, Fourth and Gilman Streets; \$7 donation for the general public.

##### June 30

**Grow and Cook Great Food from the Garden**; lost vegetables of the Incas, identify edible flowers, graft trees, make preserves, herbal sun tea, wood-fired oven pizza, and more; through August 22; Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School; 558-1335 for information; \$50 per week payable on registration.

##### Ongoing

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**UC Botanical Garden Tours**; Saturday and Sunday, 1:30 p.m. Meet at the Tour Orientation Center for a free docent tour; Free unless otherwise noted. Daily, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Botanical Garden, Centennial Drive, behind Memorial Stadium, a mile below Lawrence Hall of Science; 642-3343.

#### Religion

##### June 26

**Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Catholic Pride Mass**; 7:30 p.m.; UC Berkeley Newman Hall, Holy Spirit Parish, 2700 Dwight Way (at College), all are welcome.

##### June 28

**China and Hong Kong: A Time of Transition**; 7 - 8:30 p.m.; an evening of discussion and prayer concerning the changes ahead; Albany United Methodist Church, 980 Stannage at Marin; nursery care provided.

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## Martin: 'People have to know about Berkeley'

Football coach is Jackets' new athletic director

John Gardella

Martin's expanded role in Berkeley High has him working 14-hour days. But for the new athletic director, those hours are par for the course.

Martin, who replaces Lloyd Higgins, the school's AD since 1994, needs to be proactive, he said. As BHS' football coach, he must deal with one team, but as Berkeley's AD, he is dealing with 27 sports and more than 800 student athletes, which he claims is the largest high school athletic program in terms of number of teams, in the state.

However, the added responsibility doesn't appear to be overwhelming for him. This is the same man who, when he took over as head football coach, also preceded the school with a business plan for the athletic program.

BHS' skimpy sports budget of \$150,000 — that includes equipment and security — needs to hit the streets, he said. The private sector for help. After years in private business handling million-dollar budgets, Martin moves smoothly into those circles.

receives \$5,000

Monday, the new AD received a \$5,000 donation from G.E. Capital.

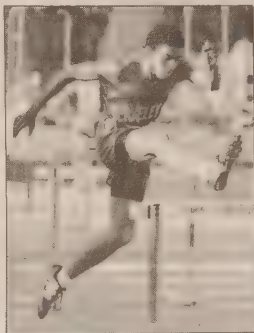
met with them and gave them a pep talk and some money," Martin said. "Last year's football team's budget was well over \$100,000, so we need help from private businesses."

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Martin hinted that the Berkeley corporation, an equipment-leasing company, will soon make an announcement of a much bigger gift to the school.

Martin's business acumen should go a long way in helping him achieve one of his main goals.

"I want to get the entire athletic program back to supremacy," he said. "I'm talking about track and



File '97  
Joe Martin says Daveed Diggs has 'enormous potential and no one knows about him.'

basketball. We need to work toward getting the recognition we need. We have a freshman, Daveed

Diggs, who has enormous potential in track and no one knows about him. We have a crew team that competes at the national level. People have to know about Berkeley High.

"That means getting faculty more involved. It means getting more coaches on campus. We have no school band. Every school has a band. We need one."

One way to get recognition is by getting on the information superhighway. And BHS is on the on-ramp.

### Jackets' Web site

The Yellowjackets will have their own Web site beginning in the fall. Fans will have the ability to go online and see how each Jackets team is faring.

Martin has also been working on the program's infrastructure. That means working closely with the city on joint use of park areas, expanding the weight training facility, and building a new baseball-soccer field.

With all the work involved in running such an expansive athletic program, Martin knows he probably won't be able to devote as much time to the football team as is necessary.

"I already have a defensive coordinator (Gary Weaver) who runs the defense," he said. "I just hired an offensive coordinator, Kevin McKenna. My job (with the team) will be more administrative."

This is a businessperson who knows how to delegate responsibility and get things done.

**'Last year's football team's budget was well over \$100,000, so we need help from private businesses.'**

— JOE MARTIN



**'I want to get the entire athletic program back to supremacy ... We need to work toward getting the recognition we need.'**

— JOE MARTIN, BERKELEY HIGH'S NEW A.D.



File '96  
Berkeley head football coach Joe Martin, who was recently named the Yellowjackets' new athletic director, replacing Lloyd Higgins says, 'People have to know about Berkeley High. That means getting faculty more involved ... We have no school band. Every school has a band. We need one.'

## Martin wants powerhouse De LaSalle

Berkeley High football coach thinks Yellowjackets are in same league as Concord school

John Gardella

Berkeley High's Joe Martin doesn't get it. As an athletic director, he's incredulous. As a football coach, he's disgusted.

We're talking about the De LaSalle-Super League Nobody-Wants-to-Play-the-Spartans dilemma the North Coast section having.

"We just want to know who we're playing and when," said Martin, BHS' football coach and new AD (see related story). "We need to have this resolved as quickly as possible."

The issue is, what league will

the Yellowjackets be a part of in 1998. The NCS' Board of Managers formed a committee in January after members of the Spartans' current league, the Bay Valley Athletic League, threatened to forfeit games against the Concord school.

The chief gripe is the competition chasm between the public schools in the BVAL and the all-boys Catholic school. Public schools are restricted from where they can draw students, while religious schools can, in essence, recruit without geographic boundaries.

De LaSalle has won a state-record 65 straight games and outscored opponents, 326-28, last year.

Berkeley would be in 'Super League'

The committee suggested forming a "Super League" that would include De LaSalle, James Logan, Pittsburg, Antioch, Pinole Valley and Berkeley. But of the three leagues affected — the BVAL, the East Bay Athletic League and the Mission Valley Athletic League — only the EBAL has supported the proposal. Martin doesn't understand why, in the spirit of competition, schools wouldn't want to measure themselves against the best.

"Heck, I called the De LaSalle coach and told him if he had an

opening next season, we'd like to play them," said Martin. "And I think kids from these other schools want to play them. Our goal is to

challenge. They beat us, 20-7, late in the contest." That game was before Martin took over the head coaching reins.

**'Our goal is to win a state championship and that means beating De LaSalle.'**

— JOE MARTIN, BERKELEY HIGH FOOTBALL COACH

win a state championship and that means beating De LaSalle.

"In their 65-game win streak, Berkeley gave them their toughest

Prior to last season, Berkeley played in the same league with De LaSalle. Last season the Spartans spanked the Yellowjackets, 50-8.

### Competitive equity

But other administrators and coaches don't view the situation as Martin does. They see the problem as one of competitive equity. The BVAL, which began the process of change, voted 5-0 (with four abstentions) against the Super League.

"I'm saddened by the whole thing," said Martin. "I think the public should elect schoolboard members who'll vote (the way the public wants)."

The committee voted to hold one more input hearing on the proposal on Oct. 29.



File '97  
Berkeley High's Celeste Chun is ABGSL Sting's assistant coach.

## ABGSL Sting is banding together to take softball players to a higher level

By Elaine Merrill

Most Albany-Berkeley Girls Softball League players are through for now with the discipline of practices and the excitement of games. But an elite team of 17 youngsters, known as the Sting, is still working hard.

The girls, ages 12 to 14, are members of an all-star, fast-pitch softball team sponsored by the Berkeley Boosters and the ABGSL.

The Sting is on the schedule for two Amateur Softball Association B-level tournaments, one last weekend in Benicia and one slated for July 19-20 in San Rafael.

The team, which was chosen after tryouts in May, meets for practice three times a week. According to their coach, Berkeley High gradu-

ate and Cal sophomore Brook Williams, being on the ball club gives the girls a taste of what real competitive softball is about.

Williams says players are being trained to play a specific position, which is very different from the regular season routine in which they rotate through every spot on the field.

Regular season play is egalitarian and recreational, while involvement in the all-star team is competitive, designed to prepare the girls for high school and even college play.

### Breaking the cycle

According to Williams, her club is trying to break the cycle of girls from the Berkeley area being skipped over at the higher levels.

She says other communities in Marin, Contra Costa and Santa Clara counties have well-developed programs that yield great collegiate players.

Other softball leagues have teams that "have been together for years and years," Williams says.

Her hope is that the Sting will send girls to high school playing at a more advanced level.

"The talent is there, the ability is there, they just need the support," she says.

### Assistant Celeste Chun

The team is playing together competitively for the second consecutive year. Although the girls lost all four games they played last weekend — to Monterey, Oakland,

Benicia and Covina — Williams is excited about the improvements she says she sees from a year ago, and is working hard with her assistant and fellow BHS alum, Celeste Chun.

ABGSL co-coordinator Ellen Brotsky, who heads the league along with her husband Lou Williams, is enthusiastic about the summer team and proud of her daughter Rachel's involvement.

About the recent tournament loss, she says that the Sting is still a learning team, and that she's looking forward to the July 19 matches.

The Sting will practice through the end of July. Information about the club is available from the Berkeley Boosters at 843-9150. For information about the ABGSL, call Ellen Brotsky at 526-2390.



## St. Mary's golf tourney to raise funds

A fund-raising golf tournament to raise scholarship funds for St. Mary's High will be held Sept. 22, at the Richmond Country Club. The \$150 fee includes carts, free balls, green fees, lunch and dinner. A silent auction of sports memorabilia follows.

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The Little Ringers golf tournament finished its regular season,

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In the boys 9-12 division, Nick Garrison won with a 34; Mitch Lokke took second with 36, and Kaz Hoffman came in third with a 37.

In the girls 8 and under division, Cristina Corpus placed first, with a

39; Kaitlyn Sheenan came in second with 54, and the third place winner was Tiffany Abrams (57).

In the girls division 9 to 12, Jennifer Shirakawa hit 43, and Caitlin Cobb came in second with a 52. For more information about the Little Ringers call 707-428-6792.

A San Leandro Boulder Golf Center instructor offers instruction to one of the 'Little Ringers.'



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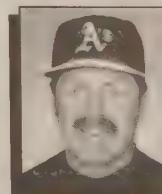
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## TRANSPORTATION

**101 Autos**

ALL Autos Wanted Full Interior Revenue Service Tax Deduction for 1997 to help the Homeless Children. Please call us at 415-871-0885. We need Vans, Cars, RVs, Trucks. Thank you.

CHEVROLET Camaro, 1988, black and runs good, only 61,000 miles, \$3,800 or best offer 865-3930

**1966 CLASSIC CONVERTIBLE**

Ford Fairlane 500XL, 289 engine, blue over blue, good exterior, runs good, always garaged. Original owner looking for new owner to restore it. \$4200 339-2716

FORD Bronco II, 1985 4x4, second owner, new engine, runs great, looks good, low miles. \$3500 or best offer 339-9280

FORD Conversion Van, 1976. Loaded, must sell \$1900 or best offer 526-9232

FORD Taurus GL, 1984. Excellent condition, 27,000 miles, best offer 569-7763

FORD Taurus 1990, white, fully loaded, good condition, sun roof, leather seats, 87K, \$7000 530-3773

KEEP IT Local! Donate your vehicle to Berkeley Boosters, helping Berkeley's children since 1983. Tax deductible. We'll pick up and do the paperwork. Call 244-0467

MAZDA 626XL, 1985 5 speed, cruise control, cassette, all power. 145K, runs great. \$1200 336-0826

MERCEDES Model 120, 1972, 4 door, tender loving care, 1 owner, purchased in Germany, top condition, \$4500 522-2276

**SEIZED CARS FROM \$175**

Porsches, Cadillacs, Chevys, BMWs, Corvettes Also Jeeps, 4 Wheel Drives. Your area. Toll free 1-800-218-9000, ext. A-7057 for current listings.

TOYOTA 4x4, 1986, camper loaded, excellent condition, 107K. \$6000 or best offer. Must sell 510-337-1929

VOLKSWAGEN Fox 1993, 5 speed, air conditioning, AM/FM cassette, 56K miles, runs great, looks great. Toll 864-7761 mornings, message evenings. \$6800, or take over payments \$257 month

WANTED: Volvo 145 wagon, Clean, pre-1973 Also clean Mercedes 4 door, pre-1973 644-3548

## BULLETIN BOARD

As a community service The Hills newspapers is pleased to offer Found, Giveaway and Lost ads free of charge (maximum 15 words for 2 weeks)

**201 Announcements**

BOY Scout uniforms. Clean out the closet and recycle them to help youngsters. Leave at The Montclair office, 5707 Redwood Rd., #4, Oakland

ALAMEDA High class of 1977 Reunion time! We need your address, phone number, DOB (Thompson) Spelless 510-778-5383; Gigi Coleman 510-522-1782

**WILL POWER IN A BOTTLE LOSE WEIGHT NOW**

100% Natural Free Samples 510-464-1013

**202 Events**

VOCAL Recital featuring Richard Mix, bass, Cara Bradbury, piano, June 27th, 8 p.m. 3079 Montclair Road, Montclair, Duparc, Yves, Schumann, others. Reservations: 510-841-0643, \$10

**206 Found**

WIREHAIRED terrier, male, white/?, Terrier mix, female white/ tan, short-haired, Glenview, At pond-hunt/ 531-3306

DOBERMAN mix, male, 9 months. Friendly and gentle. San Leandro, June 18th. 649-1809

**207 Giveaway**

URGENTLY need temporary foster homes for homeless animals. Need food, cages, litter, traps. MA 510-444-3204

SIAMSE mix, dumped because pregnant. Spayed, all shots. Beautiful, young, sweet, loving. "Lalique". 526-6759

"MATILDA", 3 years, sheepdog mix, 40 pounds, spayed, shots, housebroken. Good with children. Donation 528-8841

BEAUTIFUL kittens, 7 weeks, orange, tortoiseshell. Tested, shots, after assistance, need loving homes. Donation 845-7186

"ALEXANDER", 1 year, gray Tabby, friendly but shy. Neutered, tested, shots. Patient home. Donation 465-4415

WOODEN Shelf 27x58, 12 slots ideal for large plants, etc. 482-3030

KITTENS Polydactyl, 6 weeks and 9 weeks, first born, fully negative, all box trained. (510)538-1960

"SAMANTHA" 3 years, DLH, tuxedo, declawed, sole pet. Donation. 444-3204

"MAXIMILIAN" 6 years, grey/white, DMH, large, playful, independent. Donation. 444-3204

"LILLY", 10 weeks, adorable, personable, playful tortoiseshell kitten, tested, shots, Spay assistance. Donation. 451-5752

**208 Lost**

LOST cat, gray adult male, missing from Cedar/MLK area, Berkeley. No collar. Reward \$45-5616

"PRINCESS" female long-hair cat. Black/white, green eyes. Missing since June 12th, Rhode MacArthur. 531-3787

CAT, small, gray, shiny fur, blue collar, tag. Sunnyside/Hubert near Crocker Highlands Elementary. 452-1338

SIAMSE cat, near Rockledge BART, female, spayed, seal point, orange stripe on face all white. Reward 653-4458

TOY Poodle/terrier mix, white, collar no tags. "Pierre" Diamond District, June 21. Reward 531-7458

CAT, June 20, Monte Vista. Small female tortoiseshell, long-haired, with collar/tag. "K.C." Reward 654-7065

## EDUCATION

**302 Childrens Schools & Camps**

**CIRCLE PRESCHOOL**

Offers programs for curious children ages 18 months to 6 years. 547-6447

**SMILES DAY SCHOOL**

Pre-school program 2.9 - 5 years. Full-time and part-time. Before and after school program. Pick up and delivery to local elementary schools. 730-630 339-3830

**SELLING YOUR CAR? List It In Our Classified Autos For Sale 339-8777**

## 303 Instruction &amp; Tutoring

**A LEARNING PLACE**

Reading, Language Arts, Math, Science, SAT Prep, Diagnostic Testing. Oakland/Berkeley 531-2500

LEARN, live, and love Spanish in Cuernavaca, Mexico. Intensive Spanish language program for business executives, casual travelers, students. Ann. 510-531-4710

MATH: foreign language, most subjects. Immediate and summer programs. Effective, patient. References, credentialized. Michael 482-4064

PHLEBOTOMY/ Blood Drawing Course by Boston Reed Company. 1-800-201-1141 State Licensed Institution

FRENCH and Italian instruction, or conversation, by native speaker. BA and credential (French). Experienced, patient, all ages \$20/ hour 843-5419

**304 Musical Instruction**

ROCKENBACH guitar and bass lessons 25 years experience. Very patient. Ages 9-95. 531-5625 message

GUITAR, Bass, Vocal Lessons. Rock, Pop, Blues, Country. 30 years experience. Jimi James 510-527-3408

PIANO, organ lessons, your home, all styles/levels. Adults a specialty. Very experienced. Linda 655-0690

GUITAR, Bass or Drum lessons in Rockridge 1st Lesson Free! Let's Learn! 501-1579

PIANO: Learning classical piano is fun! Special summer beginners' program (all ages welcome). Creative, patient teacher, ex-conservatory faculty. Judith Melita. 843-4541. www.annet.com/judith

PIANO Lessons, Jazz, Blues, Classical, More Experienced, Patient, All Ages, Summer Special Offer 865-3943

**EMPLOYMENT**

**401 Help Wanted**

ACCOUNTING position, entry level, to assist office bookkeeper program (all ages welcome), filing and data entry. Full-time. Fax resume: 510-652-9422

ACCOUNTING, spots: Payroll clerk, 2+ years experience. Great benefits locally. To \$28K. Full charge bookkeeper. Fun team \$30K+. Call 946-0200. Fax resume 944-8791. Wolberg Michelson Personnel Services

ACCOUNTING Assistant, billing, inventory, account analysis, customer service, AP/AR. Recently two plus years experience with integrated accounting software MS Office, OMR, MANMAN. Must be excellent written and verbal skills. Salary \$28,000-\$32,000. Send resume with salary history to Accounting, P.O. Box 1008, Alameda, CA 94501

ACTIVE, outgoing person to distribute promotional material in public. Position is permanent part-time, wage plus bonus. Call 531-6101

ADMINISTRATIVE Assistant for property management company in Oakland. Part-time, 5 days. Flexible hours. \$12/ hour \$3300/ month or fax resume, 763-2047

ADMINISTRATIVE Assistant/Bookkeeper. Position in our Piedmont Ave. corporate headquarters requiring long-term career opportunity with integrated accounting software MS Office, OMR, MANMAN. Must be excellent written and verbal skills. Salary \$28,000-\$32,000. Send resume with salary history to Accounting, P.O. Box 1008, Alameda, CA 94501

St. Paul's Episcopal School is located in downtown Oakland with 275 boys and girls enrolled from diverse backgrounds, in Kindergarten-Grade 8. St. Paul's has a academically talented and ethnically diverse student body and seeks the same in its faculty. There are two Receptional/Secretary positions and one Developmental Assistant position open. These positions require a highly motivated, organized and articulate administrator who thrives on working in a fast paced environment with others in person and on the phone. The secretary position needs advanced knowledge of Filemaker Pro and other Macintosh programs. First Aid training a B.S. desirable. The Developmental Assistant position needs advanced knowledge of Filemaker Pro, Quark or PageMaker and other Macintosh programs. Design and production experience desired.

Send resume with cover letter specifying position applying for to: Laura Lance, Assistant to the Headmaster, St. Paul's Episcopal School, 116 Monticello Ave., Oakland, CA 94610. Fax: 510-432-3231. E-mail: laura-lance@spes.pvt.k12.ca.us

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Berkeley structural engineering office seeking well organized, efficient assistant for general office/bookkeeping. Must have previous bookkeeping experience (AR/AP and financial reports). Previous work in an architectural or engineering office a plus. Must be proficient with Macintosh computer and Word. Excel, Filemaker Pro and Quicken programs. Must be reliable, efficient, self-motivated and willing to do quality work. Permanent with good benefits. Send resume to: IDA, 825 Pine Street, Berkeley 94710 or fax 510-527-7224

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Montclair Village law office. Immediate opening, permanent part-time (20 hours or more weekly, flexible hours). Experienced, mature, dependable, detail-oriented professional. Excellent communication and computer skills (Word, Windows 95, Mac) required. Please fax resume, salary requirements: 339-2460

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

Part-time, 5 days/week, 5 hours/day, Customer service/order entry, MS Word/Excel. Written/verbal skills, organized, self-starter, enthusiastic \$10/ hour. Send cover letter and resume to: MMG, P.O. Box 8582, Emeryville, CA 94662

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

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ADMINISTRATIVE Assistant. Office support for English language program on a college campus. Also, mass mailing and list maintenance, word study preparation. Salary \$20-25, 25-35 hours/week. Requirements: minimum AA degree, excellent written and spoken English, strong computer skills including WordPerfect 6.1, database and spreadsheet. Fax resume: Mary Jackson, ECW, 510-430-2259

TO PLACE A CLASSIFIED Call 339-8777



## 401 Help Wanted

### California Highway Patrol

Now accepting applications for:  
**State Traffic Officer Cadet**  
 \$2658-\$3722/month. Good physical condition, 21-31 years old, high school diploma or equivalent, U.S. citizenship required. Initial training date August 1, 1997. For further information on both positions call the CHP Recruitment unit at: 707-448-4195. T/TDD 800-Jobs-2929

**CAREER** Not a Job Only Manager: Holistic Childcare office, part-time to full-time, beginning as assistant. Must enjoy working with public, strong marketing sense, knowledge of insurance billing, patient scheduling, bookkeeping, computer skills. Must have own car, live in Oakland/Berkeley. Resume: 5273 College Ave., Oakland 94618, P.O. Box 582-2235

**CAREGIVER** needed for Autumn Residential Care Home, Alameda. Call for appointment, 522-7385

**CARPENTER** Apprentice. Full-time, new construction/tenant improvements. Must be reliable, have transportation and references. 454-4441.

**CASHIER** Stocker, part-time. Friendly store. Apply in person. Berkeley-based Natural Grocery, 1336 Gilman Street, Berkeley

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**CLERICAL** administrative assistant, part-time, flexible hours. Bookkeeping, knowledge of computer and Quickbooks. Send resume: Calypso, #6 Vallejo St., Berkeley, CA 94707 or fax 528-9022

**CLERICAL** Entry level Data Entry Word Processing. Filing. General Office Duties. Positive attitude and ability to learn. Near Oakland Airport. Fax resume to 635-0885 or mail to Department RS, P.O. Box 2444, Oakland 94614 EOE

**CLERICAL** Part-Time 6 a.m. start every day. Must be reliable. General Office Skills, Positive Attitude. Willingness to help. Essential! Near Oakland Airport. Fax resume to 635-0885 or mail to Department RS, P.O. Box 2444, Oakland, 94614 EOE

**Computer Manager** for architectural firm. Applicant must be capable of maintaining and troubleshooting a networked computer system, including installation of hardware and software, network maintenance and management, experienced with NT Windows 95, AutoCAD architectural training is desirable. Send resumes to BSA Architects, 500 Pacifica, San Francisco, CA 94111 or fax to 415-982-1551

**COMPUTER PROGRAMMER/ANALYST** Payroll service company looking for programmer/analyst with 3+ years experience. Must be proficient in Cobol, Systems Analysis and Design. H/W platforms include minicomputers, PCs and LANs. Resume 2200 Powell, #350, Emeryville, CA 94608, Fax: 420-2078

**COMPUTER SERVICE TECHNICIAN** Part-time (approximately 10 hours per month) contract position available at a small Emeryville firm for someone with PC hardware, software and networking skills. Knowledge of FoxPro 2.6, MS Office, Windows 95, Windows for Workgroups and Windows NT required. Fax resume to 510-547-8987, Attention: Personnel

## CONSTRUCTION PROJECT MANAGER

**HVAC DRY SIDE**  
 N.V. Heathorn, Inc. is seeking an experienced individual to manage HVAC Dry Side projects. Estimating, Quick Turn, and project management. Five years minimum experience in related field, college degree. Fax resume (510)534-1852

**CONSTRUCTION** and project management professionals; consultants for Oakland based small business. Good computer and English skills critical. Fax resumes: 510-530-3628

**CONTRACTORS** General licensed, sharp, organized, professional, minimum 17 years experience. Surveying, masonry, all aspects of construction. Sub-contract 20-40 hours/week, \$30/hr. Fax resume: 339-1616

**COOK** Breakfast/brunch cook. One cook/saute grill. Experience necessary. Full or part-time. Bring resume. Contact Thomas Cooper, Le Bateau Luvre, 2629 Telegraph, Berkeley, 510-849-1100

**COOPERATIVE** Cleaning Company is hiring cleaners, \$81/hour to start. Driver's license a plus. Non-negotiable. EOE. Call 849-0693

**COUNTER** Person 11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. / Phone Person 4:30 - 9 p.m., available now in fast paced restaurant in Montclair. Must be courteous, customer friendly. 339-7271.

## CUSTOMER SERVICE

For San Leandro furniture company, phones, data entry, problem solving. Must be organized, detail oriented, responsible. Design/showroom experience helpful, not required. Resume: Box 290, 6114 La Salle Ave., Oakland, CA 94611

**CUSTOMER SERVICE** Office (Part-time), Retail Training. \$7.99 Hour. Laser Agency, 1430 Franklin, Oakland, 894-9612.

**CYBLES** & PIZZA, Montclair, now hiring experienced pizza tasters/drivers. Evening shifts, part-time. 482-8157

**DATA Entry** Phones, Computers, Orders, Office, (Training). Benefits. \$11.50. Laser Agency, 1430 Franklin, Oakland 894-9612

**DENTAL** Assistant. Orthodontic (Oakland) If you are highly organized and interested in fulfilling models and handling retainers on a full-time basis, please call us to join our orthodontic team. Benefits included. Ask for Gina, 482-0600

## DENTAL HYGIENIST

Excellent opportunity for person with good communication skills in prevention oriented private practice in Montclair. Prefer availability 2 days/week (Monday-Tuesday or Friday). Incentive. Fax resume, 482-0407 or call 482-5700.

**DENTAL** Lab Technician. Our Montclair orthodontic office is looking for full-time laboratory technician for plaster and retainer fabrication. If you are organized, self-motivated, and take pride in your work, call Gina at 482-0600

**DETECTIVE** Private, Law firm and worldwide law enforcement agency needs individuals. Clean record and car required. Expenses/salary. Call 310-281-6778.

**EDUCATION** Director/Associate Director of education, Sylvan Learning Centers. Work in dynamic educational environment utilizing your teaching, management and organizational skills. Growing company with excellent academic outcomes. Full-time position. Teacher credentials required. Resume 1345 Grand Ave., Piedmont 94610

**ENERGETIC**, experienced preschool daycare worker, full-time or part-time. Berkeley. 644-1709

**ENTRY** level position/ growth opportunity: Field Technician to repair/install apartment intercom systems and various residential/commercial sound and video equipment. Jobs often involve turning wire and "nuts and bolts" work. Seek hard working self-starter, eager to learn and develop skills; neat and organized with attention to detail; works and communicates well with others. DMV print-out required. Some electrical/electronics knowledge desired, but on-the-job training is provided. Fax resume to: 510-452-3708 or mail to: S.C.S., 800 Grand Ave., #410, Oakland, CA 94610.

## 401 Help Wanted

**EXPERIENCED** AMI, Certified Montessori teacher needed for 3-4 year old primary classroom in Oakland. Teacher needed for afternoon and full school year program in Montessori school in Oakland, 12 ECE units needed. \$31-8566

**EXPRESSO** and Deli clerk position available. Experience required. Looking for long-term employment? Medical benefits, vacation pay. Must be flexible. See Breeze Market (Berkeley Marina) 486-8119

**FINANCE** Manager. CPA preferred. Accounting degree. Minimum 2 to 3 years experience. Fax resume 510-748-7377. Start August 1. Attention Peggy Williams

**FOSTER PARENTS** for emotionally disturbed youth, ages 7-17. Medical expenses, comprehensive support services, training and stipend. Please call Fred Finch Youth Center, 482-2244

**FULL-TIME** secretary needed for fun, downtown Oakland high-rise. Professional needs good communication, Word and Excel skills. Duties include phones, A/R, typing, etc. Must be available for advancement in property management for degree candidate. Start approximately July 21st, salary commensurate with experience. Fax resume and cover letter to 510-883-2707. No phone calls please

**FUN**, busy, classic ice rink is now accepting applications for friendly, energetic, responsible people, for the part-time positions of cashier and skateguard. Please apply in person, Berkeley Ice Arena, 2727 Milvia, Berkeley, CA. 94703. (510)43-8801

**GENERAL** Office. Must be bi-lingual English-Cantonese. Contact Suzanne, 444-3297, between 2-4 p.m.

**GENERAL** Office. Records Retention Assistant. High profile professional Oakland based company seeks team player for full-time position. 1-2 years minimum experience in Medical or legal record a strong plus. Excellent computer skills. Word, Excel, database and imaging software required. Full benefits, \$24-\$26 plus bonus. Fax resume to HR at 510-874-1169

**GIRLS** Inc. Program Specialist needed for fall. Part-time afternoon hours, membership center for girls only. Computer, science, math programs offered. Send resume to Girls Inc., 1724 Santa Clara Avenue, Alameda, 94501 or fax to 521-4417 attention Pam

**HOME** Furniture Office in Berkeley seeks full-time or part-time salesperson, with strong closing ability. Furniture experience preferred, salary against commission. Larry, 510-486-8016

**HOT**, weekends, for busy condominium project in Albany 58' hour. Qualifications: Must have experience working with the public, energetic, outgoing, and professional attitude required. Please fax resume to Danette Barnett, 510-528-2100. For mail resume not required

**HOUSECLEANING**, Merry Maids, no nights, \$175-\$250/week, immediate openings, need call/insurance. Call 595-7545

**JANITORIAL** work available evenings and weekends, driver's license required. Call Cooperative Cleaning Co. at 849-0693. Non-negotiable. EOE

**MAINTENANCE** In anticipation of future contract employment for Base Maintenance Services at Military Family Housing Areas, U.S. Coast Guard, Alameda, CA, NVT Tech is accepting resumes for consideration. Resumes should be submitted in our proposal. Please note that letters of commitment and current phone numbers of previous employers are required, and references will be checked. Experience in Multi Family Building Maintenance is required.

**Project Manager** Secretary Supervisor Electrical Plumber HVAC Mechanic General Mechanic

Please send/ Fax your resume along with references names and phone numbers to: NVT Technologies, Inc., Dept. 9741 21515 Ridgely Circle, Suite 300, Sterling, VA 20154

**RETAIL** Bancroft Clothing company, opening for full-time receiving and marking women's clothing. Monday-Friday, 9:30-6 p.m. Apply in person at: 2530 Bancroft Way, Berkeley

**RETAIL** McDonald's Montclair has the following openings for our restaurant in Berkeley, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 10-6 p.m. Part-time hours, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 12-6 p.m., Sunday, 11-5 p.m. Part-time hours, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 12-6 p.m., Sunday 11-5 p.m. Apply in person at 6211 Medea Pl., Montclair.

**SALES/CUSTOMER SERVICE** 24-32 hours/week in the Classified Advertising Dept. of an East Bay newspaper group. Candidate should possess sales skills, enjoy soliciting new business via the telephone, have excellent customer service skills, work well in a team environment. Excellent communication skills required, type minimum 45 wpm. Please respond by mail or fax resume to: Hills Newspapers, Attention: Classified Manager, 1471 Broadway Blvd. #4, Oakland, CA 94619; fax 510-339-6101

**SECRETARY** East Bay commercial General Contractor seeking administrative assistant. Must be organized, efficient. Send resume: N.V. Heathorn, Inc., 2846 Chapman St., Oakland, CA 94601. Fax 534-1852

**SECRETARY** Assistant, (20 hours/week) for a busy Synagogue office. Word processing/answering phones/dictation. Proficiency in WordPerfect 5.2 a must. Database experience a plus. Fax resume to: 510-832-4930

**SECRETARY** bookkeeper, 20-30 hours; Pleasant Oakland law office (Embarcadero), civil practice. Salary DOE. 535-2555

**SECRETARY** for non-profit health agency. Must be able to record meeting minutes, answer telephone, handle general office duties. Computer skills required, knowledge of WordPerfect preferred. Good organizational and communication skills a must. Full-time with benefits. Send resume to: A.L.A. 424 Pendleton Way, Oakland 94612

**SECRETARY** for small private elementary school in Oakland. Duties include general office work, providing support for staff, parents and students, tracking income and billings, etc. Flexibility and positive attitude essential. Excellent communication, organizational and computer skills required. Excellent salary and benefits. Send resume, with salary history and requirements, by fax to (510)652-1291, or by mail to: School Secretary, P.O. Box 20813, Oakland, 94620

**SHOWROOM** Supervisor at dynamic exclusive art company. Full-time, long-term position for energetic, career-oriented person with excellent organizational skills. Will supervise inventory and shipping departments. Some heavy lifting. Minimum 3 years experience as supervisor or manager needed to apply. \$1250/hour total. Full medical and dental. Fax resume to 510-654-8661

**SITE DIRECTOR** for school age program, starting July 28. ECE units and administration, full-time, salary, benefits, retirement. Send resume to: Girls Inc., 1724 Santa Clara Ave., Alameda, 94501, or fax to 521-4417 attention Pam

**SMALL** retail store urgently needs part-time organizer, good phone skills, reliable. Albany location. Ask for Bill at 524-4625

**SOCIAL** Services, East Bay. Provide job/community support to adults with developmental disabilities in progressive, 100% community based program. BA equivalent experience \$21,000/year. Medical/Dental/Vacation. Send resume. Attention: Mary, 560 Market St. #401, San Francisco, CA 94104

**STOCKING** Part-time for hardware store. Call John Palmer at Piedmont Lumber, 658-1862

**TEACHER** and Teacher Assistant needed for school age child care program, year round and part-time. Part-time: 15-20 hours/week, 15-20 hrs/afternoons; split shift, approximately 15-20 hours/week; hourly rate. Send resume to Girls Inc., 1724 Santa Clara Ave., Alameda, 94501, or fax to 521-4417 attention Pam

**TEACHER** Director, part-time. Morning Toddler Program and Parent co-op 12 ECE units. Experienced Montclair 510-465-1512

**TEACHER** for preschool needed full-time, fully qualified, loving, energetic. Off Solano Ave. Information 510-215-9912, Susan.

**402 Independent Employment**  
 Advertisers in this classification offer self-employment opportunities. An investment may be required

**CLASSIFIED AD**  
 CALL 339-8777

## 402 Help Wanted

**Publications Coordinator/Assistant** Proposal Manager

Oversee production of all documents, including proposals, reports, presentations. Other duties include proofreading, edit, technical writing, formatting, creating business graphics. Assist in managing and tracking proposal writing process. Experience with MS Word, Excel and PowerPoint a plus. College degree or equivalent, positive attitude, ability to work with a variety of people and handle diverse clients. Excellent organizational/attention to detail skills. Willing to work flexible hours including some nights/weekends. Car preferred. Growing potential.

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**1-800-499-5551**

**RECEPTIONIST** part-time Castro Valley. Busy Pediatric office seeks energetic person who enjoys children. Medical assistant a plus. Call 689-8900 ask for Judy.

**RECEPTIONIST**, part-time. Albany Dental office seeks motivated professional individual with organizational and people skills. Attention to detail a must. Must up to \$14/hour. 510-526-4777.

**RECEPTIONIST** Coldwell Banker Real Estate is currently seeking a Full-time Receptionist to work in their Montclair office. You will answer incoming calls, greet clients and perform a variety of clerical duties. Fax resume to 510-338-0961, 6137 La Salle Ave., Oakland, CA 94611. EOE

**RECEPTIONIST** Clerk: Full-time position (with benefits) available in Emeryville financial consulting firm. Duties include: phones (Merlin 8 line system), filing, ordering and organizing forms and supplies, data entry. PC experience a must (MS Word and MS PowerPoint a plus). Fax resume to 510-547-8987, Attention: Personnel.

**RECEPTIONIST** Front office receptionist/secretary management support in fast-paced Berkeley audio high-tech firm. Responsibilities include, heavy phones, general clerical work, and some project work. Working knowledge of basic MS programs required. Candidates must be self-motivated, energetic, and flexible with superior organizational and interpersonal skills. Ability to multi-task essential. Please submit resume and cover letter to: 2832 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley, CA 94702 or fax to 510-486-8356, attention "Receptionist".

**RENTAL** Agent for Alameda real estate company. Flexible hours. Fax resume: 510-521-3492

**RESTAURANT**  
**KNEAD DOUGH?**  
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## Out of Gas...



by Karen Senzig

My recently-graduated-from-high-school nephew, Micha Kane Radnich, learned a very important lesson prior to his high school graduation. It had nothing

to do with academics but maybe helped him choose his field in Automotive Studies. He was afraid at first, though, that just perhaps he had inherited his aunt's curse... known in the family as the 'Curse of Karen's Cars'.

After school, on a warm spring desert afternoon, he was driving through the tiny metropolis of Yucca Valley (a place about 30 miles east of Palm Springs in the high desert of Southern California.) Micha is a very cautious driver. So much so, in fact, that his friends call him the 'old man' of driving - not an easy thing for a teenager to handle.

His parents, my sister Kathy and her husband Jim had taken every precaution. Together they went to driving classes put on by their insurer, State Farm Insurance. He had taken the State's high school training classes and passed with flying colors. He can take apart any car and put it back together in record time, but still, it happened to him.

Micha succumbed to the typical new driver disease... inexperience. The left turn law in California leaves a lot to be desired. On a very busy intersection on the main drag through town, Micha sig-

naled left and waited for everyone to pass by. This was a four-lane highway, two lanes on each side, and he waited for the yellow light. In the far right two cars waited at the yellow, but one car was impatient. As Micha executed his left turn, the big car darted around into the left lane and through the intersection to beat the light.

It was 1966 and I had just gotten my license. Mom asked me to pick up dad from his carpool in our brand new 1966 Dodge station wagon (remember the nine-passenger station wagons that had the automatic windows and were about 14 feet long?). My little brother Kenny was in the front seat with me and I remember seeing Daddy on the corner. I was waving a "Hi Daddy!" sign and turning left when this Buick appeared out of nowhere and rammed into me on an odd angle. The driver had run the red light, he was in a hurry. The corner of the Dodge's fender literally tore off the side of the man's car. There was a minor dent in the Dodge.

My little brother Kenny, who was six at the time, was tossed back to the very

rear passenger compartment. Although he wasn't badly hurt, he never felt safe driving with me again (even though I let him drive my BMW 320i when he was learning to drive.) My father watched in horror, as it appeared that his teenage daughter had crunched his car. Sobbing, I swore that I would never drive again. After the police reports and the exchange of information, my father forced me back into the driver's seat. "You fall off a horse, you get back on," he told me (I wish I had done that the last time I fell off a horse). Dad made me drive us home. At that moment I hated him, but I wish I could tell him now how important that moment was to me.

Dad went to Juvenile Court with me. There the judge explained just how unfair the California left turn law was. It didn't help that the other driver admitted that he ran the light. "Failure to yield" is the law. There was a huge fine and Dad's insurance went to astronomical heights. It was the first recorded incident in the 'Curse of Karen's Cars'.

Micha was more fortunate. At first it seemed hopeless. He found a local phone but couldn't reach either Mom or Dad. Out there with the police cars trying to sort things out, a page went off. Down the street there was a more terrible accident involving blood and gore. The police asked the parties if they were going to file a complaint and the wounded driver said "no," they'd work it out.

Micha's Dad was furious, but then he hadn't been there and couldn't imagine how his son, the safe and sane driver, could let this happen. The red light runner was incensed that some kid could ruin his car (not to mention his day) with this accident. The injured party took Micha's information thinking "this is what happens when you let kids drive." Micha called a friend who drove

the car home.

The injured party went home and asked his son about this miscreant - Micha Radnich. His son told him, "Dad, this is one of the good guys. Micha works hard, plays in the band - a student leader that kids look up to." This once very angry person called my sister Kathy and told her that it was more important that Micha spend the money repairing his own car, that perhaps he was a bit at fault and he was sorry. Micha is currently repairing his Mom's second car. He has promised that he will never drive her brand new car.

I was browsing the Internet, but I did not really need statistics to tell me that

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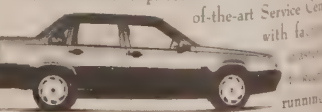
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## Letting go; moving on

and he had to let people into that room, and this must have been hard for him. I remember wondering, worrying about what he would do on the day when he would have to pack that room into boxes.

At the time this seemed to me an extreme example, and perhaps it was. But we see this same need for "everything as it has been" in sellers all the time.

Not long ago a couple who intended to sell asked us to recommend a gardener who could groom their overgrown yard. We agreed that cutting and clipping would let more light into the house and would let buyers see how much outdoor space was actually available.

The gardener met with the owners and they made a plan. But as the gardener raised her shears the couple cried out, "No, we like the ivy growing everywhere. Wait. Don't cut the bushes." They couldn't bear to have the garden changed.

Another couple bought their stylish house in the early seventies. It had just been redecorated in up-to-the-minute colors and materials. In the living and dining rooms was orange shag carpeting, in the kitchen and bathroom the brightest red ceramic tile.

The master bedroom had a large corner desk done in the wood butcher style of the era, unpainted redwood with bracing poles running to the ceiling.

The owners knew that the appearance of the house was dated. They wanted to sell quickly, so they hired a decorator. They listened to the decorator's advice, then said, "We like the orange rugs and red

tile. And we would never allow the desk to be painted."

Although they had already moved out of the house to a new one, they insisted that their old place remain as it was.

This common situation is a sticky wicket for agents. No agent wants to criticize her clients' chosen style. But agents have learned from experience that the right decor, something that today's buyers find desirable, can make all the difference in a sale.

Good, thinking agents want their listings to sell quickly and well. This means both buyer and seller are satisfied and it didn't take forever for them to find one another.

And so they suggest ways to make their listings look their best. When they are met with owner resistance, what is there to do?

Back off. There is certainly no gain to be made when clients are feeling defensive.

Go slowly. And advise the sellers to do the same. Allowing sufficient time for parting with a house is very important. We've represented several sellers who needed close to a year to let go.

They cleaned out accumulation, sorted through, pared down until they had left what mattered to them. And in the process, while they were readying for unknown new owners, they were becoming prepared themselves — to let go.

Sometimes they complained that they weren't getting anywhere, that no progress was being made, but it was. It takes time for memories to fade, to replace them with visions

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Ambrose Akinmusere, left, Selina Traylor and David Michel Ruddy of Berkeley High School's Jazz Ensemble accept a check from Berkeley Hills Realty co-owner Peter Damm as Maya Trilling looks on.

## Off to play Montreux

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"My children loved this experience with the Berkeley High Music Department," said Maya. "The teaching was excellent and it was a great

joy in their lives. Congratulations to these young musicians in the Jazz Ensemble on their trip to Europe and on all their hard work and study."

Berkeley Hills Realty sets aside a portion of each commission to donate to worthwhile charitable groups and organizations. They have donated to the Nature Conservancy, Amigos de los Americas, The Jazz Ensemble, Christmas in April and Berkeley Partners for Parks/ TOPS.

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### Baby boomer invasion

The U.S. Census Bureau estimates there about seven million baby boomers in this country, the first of whom started turning 50 last year. If they have not already more and more of these boomers are expected to start looking to stocks to help build their retirement nest egg.

If each boomer invested the maximum \$2,000 annual contribution to an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) to purchase stocks, boomers would add more than \$12.6 billion monthly to the stock market, which would bolster the outlook for the market's continued growth.

### History's on your side

History favors the stock market's continued rise. Though past performance cannot guarantee future results, Investor's Business Daily recently noted that the Dow Jones Industrial Average has jumped about 178 percent since 1987. And the stock market has experienced a

formal "correction" (a 20 percent or greater decline) since 1887.

Those of you wanting to "time the market" may still be waiting for your "opportunity." Instead of trying to time the market, you can invest systematically in those stocks that best meet your investment objectives, especially if one of those objectives is financial stability during retirement.

Keep in mind that this method does not guarantee profits or protect against losses. You should consider your financial and emotional abilities to continue purchases through periods of low levels.

### Think long term

If you think the "long-term" does not pay off when it comes to investing, consider this scenario. A June 1, 1997 article in Kiplinger's notes that the S&P 500 composite an index of 500 widely held stocks commonly used to gauge stock market performance) has averaged a 10.7 percent annual return over the past 70 years.

Let's say you systematically invest \$300 a month in stocks and those stocks averaged a 10.7 percent annual return. In just 20 years, your total investment of \$72,000

## The sooner you start investing, the greater your growth potential.

would grow to \$247,214. If you extend your investing period to 25 years, that figure jumps to \$435,624. This is only an example and does not effect the performance of a particular investment.

The moral of this story is that the sooner you start investing for your retirement, the greater potential you give your retirement money to grow. Remember, you can never adequately make up what you lose by failing to contribute to your IRA or other retirement savings vehicle. Your investment professional can give you more details on how you can make the road toward retirement success a smoother one.

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And this is why agents and sellers should talk again, and perhaps again, about why the sellers are selling. Where are they going? What's in it for them?

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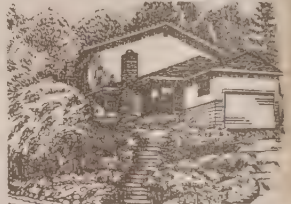
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Don't the buyers want to choose their own colors? Isn't it better to paint the price and save yourself the hassle of doing the work? Don't buyers prefer to buy homes that are move-in ready? Isn't there a danger of overfixing that's too done up will turn off?

There's no disputing that having done to your home is a giant step. First you have to figure out what needs to be done. Some things, like a roof that leaks occasionally, don't have easy answers. Then you need to find reliable contractors to do the work for a

reasonable price. If you want the best results, you'll have to oversee the work, which usually involves a fair amount of follow-up (sometimes even nagging) to make sure contractors arrive on time and stay on the job until the job is done.

## Well rewarded

Few homeowners look forward to home maintenance and refurbishing projects. But, although the process can be grueling, the results can be rewarding. Buyers do pay a premium for homes they can move right into without having to lift a finger.

Well-maintained, attractive homes tend to hold their value better than rundown fixer-uppers. Properties in prime condition are a pleasure for real estate agents to show,

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so they get shown more often. The more exposure a property gets, the better the chance of selling for a higher price. Also, most buyers don't have the vision or the wherewithal to purchase a fixer-upper.

There will always be a segment of the home buying market interested in fixer-uppers. But, in a soft market, where prices are stagnant or declining, the market for fixers usually shrinks dramatically. When prices are appreciating, the demand for fixer-uppers increases because buyers can see more profit potential.

Buyers of fixer-upper properties expect a nice discount for taking the property in rough condition. Sellers may think they can simply subtract the cost of the repairs and sell "as is" at the lower price. But buyers

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# Real estate's stepchild

By H. W. Moss

Second mortgages are the rarely mentioned stepchildren of the real estate industry. Unlike first loans, which command respect from institutions and brokers alike, seconds have an off-color flavor that makes them almost unmentionable in polite company.

Yet they serve a valuable function. Seller financing, which usually means the creation of a second loan rather than a first, can make a deal occur that would otherwise dissolve into thin air.

In addition to helping the seller get their price, a properly constructed second helps buyers in at least two ways. It not only allows them to use a smaller down payment, buyers avoid paying mortgage insurance which is normally required when the down payment is less than 20 percent.

Buyers and sellers of real property and all real estate professionals should take a moment to understand what it means to carry paper. A seller becomes a bank, in effect, and extends credit to a buyer. If all

goes well, a second note is an income stream the seller can count on and, after a fixed number of years, the total remaining balance is paid off.

This can be extremely beneficial for sellers who find themselves in certain market conditions. A good example would be when 20 percent down is too much for otherwise qualified buyers to bear or when interest rates are high and money scarce. And it has been said that when someone carries a second mortgage, they've sold for too much. What seller has ever believed that?

The most immediate benefit is clearly that offering to carry paper as part of the financing package increases the pool of potential buyers. Should a second note be created upon sale, it is secured by a deed of trust on the property.

The date of recording in the chain of title determines the position of a deed of trust on a property. Any note whose deed of trust is recorded after a first mortgage is in junior position.

Most lenders insist that a policy

of title insurance be purchased prior to funding and junior lenders are no exception. The American Land Title Association (ALTA) title policy is a lender requirement which insures the new lender will be in the position they want. Lenders do not pay for these insurance policies, borrowers normally do.

All seconds are in junior position to a first. Other junior liens may exist in third, fourth or fifth position ad infinitum. These loans are usually created when the seller "carries back" but that is not always the case. Hard-money lenders exist who will loan in junior position to owners with enough equity.

At the time of sale, a seller may carry a small second, perhaps ten percent of the purchase price, for otherwise financially strong buyers who have only 10 percent down. Large institutional lenders may agree to fund the balance of an 80-10-10 financing arrangement.

"Everybody does them," said Richard Redmond, a broker with All California Mortgage. "The position.

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mary reason is to avoid mortgage insurance and allow borrowers to write off the interest on seconds."

Redmond's point is that borrowers cannot deduct mortgage insurance premiums on their income taxes. They can, however, deduct interest payments on a second loan.

The calculation that should be made is a comparison between the cost of a fixed rate loan with a low down payment and monthly PMI that is not deductible compared with the same down payment and two notes that are fully deductible against income taxes.

But bear in mind that makers of first mortgages are not indifferent to seconds. They know anything which costs a borrower money can become a financial drain that may eventually cause them to default on the entire loan amount. This explains why some institutional lenders will not make a first mortgage with an 80-10-10 arrangement or even a 75-15-10.

It is also true that a junior position in the chain of title means these loans are riskier. Higher risk demands higher return and junior liens usually command a greater rate of interest than a first mortgage. Second notes, therefore, usually earn more a CD and are written for a shorter duration than senior liens.

Many people like the idea of earning a monthly income after their

property is sold. And if the seller receives a large enough sum at the initial sale, 90 percent in the case of an 80-10-10, they may be secure in the knowledge that they can bring the first loan current and begin foreclosure should the need ever arise.

Apart from a natural unwillingness to bring a foreclosure, some sellers simply do not want to become lenders. This resistance can be overcome by creating a second mortgage and selling it, probably at a discount, right out of the escrow in what is called a simultaneous closing.

According to "The Paper Source," a Virginia-based publication devoted to news of the note business, a simultaneous closing occurs when a note created by a seller is purchased by an investor at the same closing table where the real estate transaction takes place.

Sellers should be aware that their notes, especially if unseasoned, may not be sold at anything near their face value.

"The second loan created in an 80-10-10 is not saleable," warns Jonathan Richards of Noteworthy Investments, Inc., in San Francisco. Richards cited two reasons why that is true.

"The loan to value is 90 percent so the risk is high and the buyer, in the event of foreclosure, would have to make up the back payments on a very large first," Richards said. "Second, only a few note-buying companies will take them and they will pay 50 cents on the dollar if

**It's been said that when someone carries a second, he's sold for too much. What seller has ever believed that?**

you're lucky."

First mortgages are available to anyone because there is a secondary market for them. That means someone is willing to buy these loans from the originating lender and Fannie Mae, a quasi-government agency, is often that someone.

Richards, other mortgage brokers and bankers may be surprised to learn that, although not a large portion of Fannie Mae's business, it also purchases second mortgages. Those 10 and 15 percent seconds mentioned above are, indeed, saleable to Fannie Mae, according to Bonnie O'Dell, director of Fannie Mae's consumer affairs in Washington, D.C.

"Fannie Mae buys second mortgages as well as first loans," O'Dell said. "They're sold to us through lenders who do business with Fannie Mae. We don't buy them one at a time from individual investors but we do buy groups of them."

O'Dell said Great Western,

**Bank of America and Countrywide Mortgage have all sold second mortgages to Fannie Mae.**

Another problem stands in the way of convincing sellers to carry paper. State law bars lenders of second mortgages from obtaining a deficiency judgment when a loan is made for part of the purchase price of a dwelling of not more than four families if the dwelling was occupied all or in part by the purchaser.

Second loans are rarely discussed by a real estate professional with their client until the last minute, and then only when a deal looks like it might fall through. It is a good idea to broach the subject in the beginning such as at the time the listing agreement is signed.

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usually expect a bigger break on the price to compensate them for the hassle factor involved in the renovations.

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**NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670**

**LOWEST PRICE IN HILLER!** **\$299,999**  
6674 Charing Cross Rd. Opportunity knocks for this large 3BD with luxurious personified in exclusive Hiller Highlands. Fabulous master suite, 2 fireplaces and much more.  
**CAROL COHEN 339-8400**

**BRAND NEW LISTING IN MONTCLAIR** **\$365,000**  
3BR, 2BA Mediterranean delight. Mint condition, wonderful detailing, bay view, fml DR, family rm, bonus rm, large & lovely landscaped yard. Front veranda.  
**NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670**

**REMODELED FOR YEARS TO COME!** **\$209,900**  
Spacious charmer with majorsystems replaced for years of carefree ownership! Two full baths, lovely gardens, new roof, garage, just move right in!  
**PATRICIA BENNETT 482-9000**

**PERFECT FOR THE FAMILY** **\$369,000**  
Texas-sized on a quiet street 5 bedroom, 3 bath, family room, pool table & much more. Steps to terrific schools, great view room? This is it!  
**MORRIE FEIGENBERG 339-8400**

**CIRCA 1920'S GLENVIEW BUNGALOW** **\$189,000**  
3804 Everham Ave. Super on the hill! 2BR, 1BA, formal dining, hardwood flrs. 2BR, formal dining & breakfast room. Huge pool, whimsical backyard.  
**STEVEN BASSETT 339-8400**

## THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES EXCLUSIVELY LISTED. PLEASE CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT.

**EXCEPTIONAL CLAREMONT PINES W/BIDGE VIEW...\$825,000**  
4BR, 3.5BA traditional home with great VIEWS. Expansive deck leads to garden, great room off gourmet kitchen. Upstairs den & 1BR has own bath, great for guests. Call for private showing!  
**CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 339-8400 x 216**

**STUNNING NEW HOME...\$699,000**  
Beautifully designed new home with spacious master suite, floor to ceiling windows, cathedral ceilings, family room with fireplace. A decorator's dream.  
**PATRICIA BENNETT 482-9000**

**MONTCLAIR CUSTOM-DOUBLE LOT...\$529,000**  
OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30 - 21 Drake Dr. Wonderful large custom home with stunning architectural details thruout. Lovely yard, 3BR, 3BA, separate family room, rumpus room, family dining room + much more.  
**CAROL COHEN 339-8400**

**CLOSE-IN MONTCLAIR...\$520,000**  
Traditional styled 3-yr old home. Level deck & yard from large kitchen/family room. Convenient cul-de-sac location. Some bay view, too.  
**LYN MURRAY 339-8400**

**IF YOU LOVE TO ENTERTAIN...\$519,000**  
4BR, 2.5BA custom built contemp. GG/bay bridge views from almost every room. Huge FDR, LR, FR, many private decks, 2 fireplaces, elaborate master retreat, gorgeous kitchen with hardwood floors/granite counters.  
**NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670**

**NEW LISTING IN MONTCLAIR...\$489,000**  
Contemp. drama unique 4BR, 3.5BA delight. Thoughtfully designed & perfect for entertaining. Bay vu, cathedral ceilings, FR off kit, stunning mstr & your own observation deck perfect shape.  
**NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670**

**VIEW, PRIVACY & LOTS MORE...\$449,000**  
Reduced! Montclair contemporary has flexible floor plan, loads of light, 3+BR, 3.5BA. Spaces for hm off, teenagers, etc. Walk to park trails.  
**LYN MURRAY 339-8400**

**SMASHING CONTEMPORARY WITH BAY VIEWS...\$419,500**  
4BR, 2.5BA, sep LR, FDR, fabulous kit & great room w/frp, stunning mstr ste, decks for outdoor living. Thinking of moving up? Let's talk trade!  
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**BROWN SHINGLE DUPLEX...\$399,000**  
Each 2BR, 2BA in a garden setting. Easy walk to shops & trans. Loaded with old fashioned charm.  
**M.J. MC CONVILLE 287-9583**

**SPACIOUS PIEDMONT PINES CONTEMPORARY...\$394,000**  
This large home has just been reduced, 4BR, 3BA over 3500 s.f. of living space, FDR, eat-in kitchen, rumpus room, expansive decks, detached garage with exercise room.  
**CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 339-8400 x216**

**PRIVATE & SERENE ON 1/3 ACRES...\$375,000**  
Spacious home w/open floorplan and separation of spaces perfect for shared living or home office set up. 5BR, 3BA fam rm etc. Open Sunday, 12540 Brookpark. VICKIE CHAN CASE 339-8400

**WANT A PRESTIGIOUS HOME AT LOW PRICE...\$359,000**  
Have the home you deserve and the view you've dreamed about without sacrificing style or quality. Carefree one-story design is built to last.  
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**HANDSOME CROCKER HIGHLANDS MEDITERRANEAN...\$342,000**  
OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30 - 864 Santa Ray Ave. New listing! 3BR, 3BA, formal dining, home office rumpus room, garage attached to house by breezeway, original tile & woodwork  
**CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 339-8400 x 216**

**NEW LISTING...\$339,000**  
Upper Oakmore. Charming Tudor view of SF, hardwood floors, formal dining, home office, in-law, easy commute, wonderful neighbors.  
**MARTHA SHIN 339-8400**

**UPPER ROCKRIDGE BEAUTY...\$338,000**  
All glass and paneling, soaring ceiling, view, perfect for those who love entertaining. Eat-in kitchen, huge LR, fireplace, workshop, potting room, atrium entry.  
**EDITH MARCUS 339-8281**

**THE CLASSIC HOME YOU'RE LOOKING FOR...\$325,000**  
1915 vintage Craftsman with fabulous new kitchen, formal dining surrounded by open porches and a huge level yard! Master suite and family room, too!  
**PATRICIA BENNETT 482-9000**

**SELLERS ARE READY FOR OFFER...\$319,000**  
Oakland Hills stylish view home, arches, skylights, soaring ceilings, decks, hardwoods, plus room is den or home office. What more could anyone want?  
**JAN NEFF 339-8400**

**SUNNY LIVING IN MONTCLAIR...\$309,000**  
Gardeners, dog lovers, sun bathers, cooks and perfectionists--this one's for you. Adorable "Carmel" home on landscaped lot. Extra storage, close to village.  
**CAROLYNN HARTLEY 287-9588**

**HILLER HIGHLANDS...\$299,999**  
OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30 - 6674 Charing Cross Rd. Large 3BR Hiller townhouse with top



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## Gothic Revival

When Mark Twain was asked why the South lost the war, he replied that the reason was the South, he said, had a terrible case of the Sir Walter Scott disease."

Twain went on to say that the South believed that the Age of Chivalry, with all the Romantic fallacy the name implied, was still more truth than satire in

Twain's answer. Besides the obvious parallel between slavery in the ante-bellum South and the master-servant relationship in medieval Europe, "Gothic Revival mania" strongly influenced the South during the 25 years before the Civil War.

Where did Gothic Revival have its roots? How did this style come to be so popular in this country?

Like all Victorian-era architect-

tural styles, "Victorian Gothic Revival" (as the style is properly called) originated in England. But unlike the others, the style began before Queen Victoria who reigned from 1837 to 1901 took the throne.

In the early part of the 19th century, Sir Walter Scott wrote a series of historical novels set in medieval England—the most well-known is likely "Ivanhoe".

These books became the first to enjoy truly immense popularity. They fostered a romantic image of life in the Middle Ages (the Age of Chivalry as Scott called it) and led to an intense interest in medieval history and culture throughout the British Empire and the United States.

This new-found interest in all things medieval led to a passion for what was then called "Romantic Gothic Ruins." These ruins were constructed on the grounds of many noble estates in Britain.

Scott took this a step further constructing a Gothic-Revival style

See WILSON on page 35



Oakland History Room

This classic example of a Gothic Revival home once stood on the corner of 10th Avenue and 10th Street in East Oakland. The owner, a retired sea captain, was right at home because the waters of the Oakland Estuary reached his front yard.

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**MONZAL** First Open! Quality New construction.....\$579,000  
4.5BA traditional. Sunny rooms, hwd flrs, gourmet kitchen, professionally landscaped. Nancy Novick 482-2392



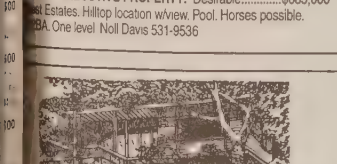
**OAKWOOD.** \$20K price reduction! Sunny, top to bottom remodel. 4BD/2.5BA, grand master, family decks. Stan Hammond 839-5846

**MONTGOMERY.** Charming brown shingle w/updated.....\$265,000  
Near Piedmont Ave. Easy commute. Don Dunning ext. 239

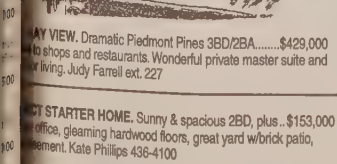
**ROYD.** Rockridge craftsman with.....\$239,000  
Hardwood floors, built-ins, workshop, charm. Walk to BART. Iopolopoulos ext. 248



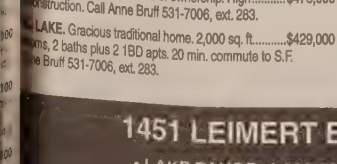
**ACRE EXECUTIVE PROPERTY.** Desirable.....\$685,000  
Hilltop location w/view. Pool. Horses possible. 5BA. One level. Noll Davis 531-9536



**VIEW.** Dramatic Piedmont Pines 3BD/2BA.....\$429,000  
To shops and restaurants. Wonderful private master suite and living. Judy Farrell ext. 227



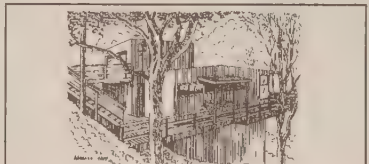
**STARTER HOME.** Sunny & spacious 2BD, plus.....\$153,000  
Office, gleaming hardwood floors, great yard w/brick patio, cement. Kate Phillips 436-4100



**LAKE.** Gracious traditional home, 2,000 sq. ft.....\$429,000  
3 bds, 2 baths plus 2 1BD apts. 20 min. commute to S.F. Call Anne Bruff 531-7006, ext. 283.



**1207 HAMPEL.** Quirky but charming Glenview triplex.....\$319,000  
Great owner's unit w/original built-ins, hardwood floors, plus 2-1BD apts. Mary Neuberger 530-4148



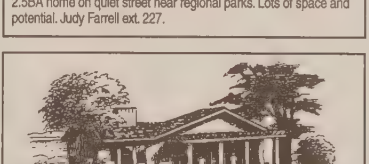
**6064 COLTON.** New Listing! Woodsy contemporary.....\$299,500  
step down living room, flr to ceiling windows, special master suite, 2BD/1BA main level, decks, garage. Stan Hammond 839-5846

**4231 GILBERT.** Adorable Brown Shingle with garage, yard.....\$199,000  
and lots of light. Close to BART and restaurants. Judy Farrell ext. 227

**3051 SYLVAN AVE.** New Listing! Adorable 2BD/1BA in.....\$194,000  
beautiful condition. Updated kitchen, gleaming hardwood, nice yard. Chris Christensen ext. 242



**MONTCLAIR SETTING.** Woodsy and serene 3+BD/.....\$295,000  
2.5BA home on quiet street near regional parks. Lots of space and potential. Judy Farrell ext. 227.



**MONTCLAIR MAJOR WRECK** with 36K termite report...\$185,000  
extensive foundation repairs needed and fire damage. Bay view lot almost .5 acre. "AS IS". Don Dunning 482-2256



**WELL LOCATED** 1 bedroom condo in good building near.....\$66,000  
Piedmont. Walk to transportation and shopping. Wendy Callaghan ext. 237

## INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

**CL.** Grand Lake area. Pride of ownership. High.....\$475,000  
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Sunny Traditional w/updated kitchen and 3+bedrooms/3.5 baths. Level to gardens. Close to schools. DEBRA DRYDEN

170 BELL AVENUE

View, View, View. Architectural contemporary w/gourmet kitchen/family room. 3/3.5, decks & patios. MAVIS DELACROIX

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Charming & level, comfortable home w/formal dining & lovely kitchen that opens to private patio & garden. SUSANNE PAUL

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5116 COCHRANE AVENUE

A beautiful 4+1/4+ traditional. Distinctive country kitchen, library & game room level to entertaining patio & gardens. S. VOGL

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Incredible Mediterranean on 3 levels w/gorgeous architectural detail. 4 bdrms/3.5 baths incl. huge master. JUDY CAIN

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Exciting new craftsman w/serene canyon views. Terraced garden. 5 bdrms/3.5 bath & family off kitchen. LINDA MCCLAIN

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Two-year old Upper Rockridge Traditional w/SF & Bay views. Great kitchen & level garden. 4 bds/2.5 baths. JOHN KARNAY

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Dramatic home w/floor to ceiling windows, new paint & roof. Charming den, patio & garden. Lovely treesetting. E. DICKSON

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Sunny & spacious kitchen/family room w/fireplace, formal dining, office, work shop & level grounds. KURT BUCHHOLZ

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Rockridge Cape Cod w/many architectural features. Hrdwd floors & French doors to prvt. decking. Updated kitchen & bath. Garden vistas. ED KUO

7321 SKYLINE BOULEVARD

Sensational view, stylish rooms! Price includes buildable adjacent lot. 3/2. Professionally landscaped. JUDY CAIN

261 CAPRICORN

Montclair Contemporary w/serene wooded views from living rm. 4/2 w/family rm, 2 frpcs & level garden area. J. GARCIA

4858 HARBORD DRIVE

Estate Sale, great potential. 3/2 home w/formal dining, & lrg eat-in kitchen level out to patio. ANGELA WEI GRUBB

\$389,000

\$379,000

\$359,000

\$325,000

NEW PRICE \$275,000

### BERKELEY

Open Sunday 2 - 4:30 p.m.

228 TUNNEL ROAD

Clarence Tantau Sr.'s own 1929 Spanish Villa. 4 1/4-5 w/updated kitchen/family rm. Stunning architecture. N. ROTHMAN

17 EUCALYPTUS ROAD

Enchanting Brown Shingle w/SF views, leaded glass windows & private garden. 4/3 & updated kitchen. J. RANKANKAN

NEW LISTING \$899,000

Clarence Tantau Sr.'s own 1929 Spanish Villa. 4 1/4-5 w/updated kitchen/family rm. Stunning architecture. N. ROTHMAN

NEW LISTING \$259,000

Attractive two-story traditional in a great location, close to UC. Telegraph Avenue shops and restaurants. Four bedroom/two bath home, in good condition. MELITIA BEESON

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950 BLEMNER ROAD

1939 Hacienda designed by Clarence Tantau Sr. on 2 lots of 1.67 acres with stunning Mount Diablo views. Meticulous restoration in 1991. Elegant entertaining area, gourmet chef's kitchen, four bedrooms, four and one-half baths, brick courtyard and a verandah. Guest house with one bedroom and a studio. Pool and cabana. NANCY ROTHMAN

NEW LISTING \$959,000

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### PIEDMONT

By Appointment

TRUE IN STYLE & DESIGN

Situated on gorgeous property, this home has a wonderful floor plan w/family rm & 7 bdrms incl. guest qtrs. A. TUNNEY

WILDWOOD ESTATE

Distinguished architectural gem on 1/2 acre. Gothic-arched doorways, 7/5.5, music room, library & more. M. SCHWARTZ

INVITING

Central location w/smashing Bay views. Lovely English Tudor w/library, family room, 4/3+. Lots of curb appeal. E. DICKSON

VIEW • VIEW • VIEW

A wonderful home w/great city views & beyond. Open stylish spaces, designer kitchen & gorgeous master. S. EWING

BEAUTIFUL VISTAS

Lovely colonial on a quiet street w/a wonderful SF Bay view. 4/3 w/rumpus to charming garden. ELIZABETH DICKSON

\$1,895,000

Situated on gorgeous property, this home has a wonderful floor plan w/family rm & 7 bdrms incl. guest qtrs. A. TUNNEY

\$1,495,000

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NEW LISTING \$939,000

Central location w/smashing Bay views. Lovely English Tudor w/library, family room, 4/3+. Lots of curb appeal. E. DICKSON

NEW PRICE \$879,000

A wonderful home w/great city views & beyond. Open stylish spaces, designer kitchen & gorgeous master. S. EWING

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OUTSTANDING CRAFTSMAN

Charming Shingle with incredible details throughout. Fabulous new kitchen. 4 bedrooms/2 baths. MINDY SCOTT

A GREAT VALUE

Gorgeous traditional w/formal living/dining & comfortable master suite w/frpc. 3/2 + family room. DONALD GRUBB JR.

PIEDMONT OPPORTUNITY

Wonderful location, near schools. 4+ bdrms/2 baths, eat-in kitchen level out to deck & garden. Pond & hot tub. A. GRUBB

WONDERFUL LOCATION

Inviting home located within proximity to schools, shops & trans. Formal dining, plus room & 2 lrg. bdrms. MINDY SCOTT

OPEN & LIGHT

A wonderful fixer-upper w/high ceilings & spacious rooms. Charming Brown Shingle in a great location. D. GRUBB JR.

\$675,000

\$479,900

\$398,000

\$395,500

\$349,500

\$349,500

### OAKLAND/BERKELEY

By Appointment

RATCLIFF MANOR HOME

Impressive home w/library, country kitchen, 6++ bdrms & 4+ baths. Rich paneling & exceptional details. SANDRA VOGL

CHARMING ENGLISH TUDOR

Sun-filled Crocker Highlands home w/sep. studio, temp. controlled wine cellar & lush garden. 4/3. KAREN STARR

PIEDMONT PINES

Magnificent Mediterranean w/view & gardens. OR including 2 adjacent lots (mostly level) for \$789,000. DEBRA DRYDEN

MONTCLAIR TRADITIONAL

All-level traditional w/gorgeous landscaped grounds. 4 sunny bdrs & a good looking kitchen/family room. D. GRUBB JR.

BEAUTIFUL LANDSCAPING

Cheerful Ridgmont home located at the end of a cul-de-sac, w/a landscaped yard, family rm & rec rm. 4/3. S. BENNINGER

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY

Great investment opportunity! 6 unit bldg. includes 2 bedroom cottage in rear. Off street parking. KAREN STARR

\$855,000

Impressive home w/library, country kitchen, 6++ bdrms & 4+ baths. Rich paneling & exceptional details. SANDRA VOGL

\$539,000

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\$449,500

All-level traditional w/gorgeous landscaped grounds. 4 sunny bdrs & a good looking kitchen/family room. D. GRUBB JR.

\$409,000

Cheerful Ridgmont home located at the end of a cul-de-sac, w/a landscaped yard, family rm & rec rm. 4/3. S. BENNINGER

\$399,000

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CROCKER HIGHLANDS

A sunny Mediterranean w/hardwood floor, a large living room, separate formal dining room and lovely rear garden w/deck. Redesigned kitchen and master bath. KAREN STARR

HADDON HILL

Beautiful traditional w/lovely architecture. Huge rooms, great rumpus, gorgeous master & 2-car garage. 3/2. K. COOPER

OAKMORE CONTEMPORARY

Dramatic contemporary w/open floor plan w/expansive decks and view. 3/4 and spacious family room. SANDRA VOGL

LEVEL-IN

Sleep 3/2 contemporary w/high ceilings, hardwood floors & skylights. Level-in w/an updated kit. BETTINA BALESTRIERI

CONTEMPORARY TOWNHOUSE

Updated, contemporary townhouse w/vaulted ceilings, gourmet eat-in kitchen, loft w/office, deck & view. SHERRY BENNINGER

\$379,000

\$315,000

\$299,000



## Area Home Sales

**ALAMEDA**  
 3245 Bayo Vista Ave. - \$262,000  
 2 Britt Ct. - \$273,000  
 2827 Burgner Ave. - \$210,000  
 753 Central Ave. - \$165,000  
 2900 Fernside Blvd. - \$290,000  
 1037 Fontana Dr. - \$140,000  
 1633 High St. - \$250,000  
 188 Inverness Way - \$265,000  
 3257 Liberty Ave. - \$212,000  
 65 Mecartney Rd. - \$154,000  
 2063 San Antonio - \$340,000  
 2843 San Jose Ave. - \$229,000  
 1400 Sherman St. 2 - \$207,500  
 1 Souza Ct. - \$294,000  
 325 Tipperary Ln. - \$445,000  
 17 Waterford Pl. - \$412,000

**ALBANY**  
 942 Evelyn Ave. - \$201,000  
 912 Neilson St. - \$220,000  
 545 Pierce St. 2413 - \$173,000  
 620 Spokane Ave. - \$324,000  
 530 Talbot Ave. - \$235,000

**BERKELEY**  
 10 Arden Rd. - \$802,000  
 6850 Charing Cross - \$125,000  
 2946 Piedmont Ave. - \$535,000  
 114 Strathmoor Dr. - \$395,000  
 2436 Woolsey St. - \$265,000

**EL CERRITO**  
 237 Colusa Ave. - \$241,000

**EL SOBRANTE**  
 897 Appian Way - \$144,500

**EMERYVILLE**  
 8 Admiral Dr. 230 - \$165,000

**OAKLAND**  
 4380 Aberfoil Ave. - \$253,000  
 2453 Bartlett St. - \$108,000  
 1266 Bates Rd. - \$172,500

9403 Birch St. - \$110,000  
 5330 BRd. way - \$230,000  
 180 Caldecott, 112 - \$122,500  
 4818 Calderwood Ct. - \$485,000  
 1040 Elbert St. - \$400,000  
 3917 Elston Ave. - \$245,000  
 3907 Everett Ave. - \$227,500  
 4300 Fair Ave. - \$210,000  
 6517 Farallon Way - \$317,000  
 2100 Funston Pl. - \$354,000  
 9600 Golf Links Rd. - \$125,000  
 1844 Grand View Dr. - \$570,000  
 2615 Hickory St. - \$162,000  
 31 Homeglen Ln. - \$197,000  
 157 Kimberlin Hgts. - \$105,000  
 4235 Knoll Ave. - \$120,000  
 3838 Laguna Ave. - \$162,000  
 5365 Lawton Ave. - \$290,000  
 206 Lee St. - \$159,000  
 1948 Magellan Dr. - \$331,000  
 4093 Maple Ave. - \$169,000  
 160 Marlow Dr. - \$189,500  
 381 Marlow Dr. - \$235,000  
 5646 Maxwellton Rd. - \$332,500  
 730 Prospect Ave. - \$320,000  
 2501 Rampart St. - \$172,500  
 3621 Redwood Rd. - \$234,000  
 6229 Ridgemont Dr. - \$507,000  
 5800 Ross St. - \$450,000  
 330 Vernon St. 205 - \$69,000  
 1115 Warfield Ave. - \$355,000

**PIEDMONT**  
 105 Nova Dr. - \$424,500

**SAN LEANDRO**  
 1775 141st Ave. - \$150,000  
 1277 148th Ave. - \$178,500  
 891 Arbor Dr. - \$182,000  
 15374 Elvina Dr. - \$166,000  
 706 Estudillo Ave. - \$260,000  
 15156 Farnsworth - \$158,000

1492 Green Ct. - \$129,000  
 14424 Juniper St. - \$179,000  
 16190 Marcella St. - \$153,000  
 398 Parrott St. - \$95,000  
 378 Pleasant Way - \$140,000  
 900 Ramona Way - \$179,000  
 13979 Santiago Rd. - \$191,000  
 14615 Saturn Dr. - \$188,000  
 2029 Seaspray Cir. - \$314,500  
 15019 Wengate St. - \$156,500  
 1525 Willow Ave. - \$195,000

**SAN LORENZO**  
 16026 Via Alamitos - \$125,000  
 664 Via Alamo - \$158,000

## SALES STATS BY CITY

**ALAMEDA**  
 TOTAL SALES: 16

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 AVERAGE PRICE: \$259,281

**ALBANY**  
 TOTAL SALES: 5  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$173,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$324,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$230,600

**BERKELEY**  
 TOTAL SALES: 5  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$125,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$802,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$424,400

**EL CERRITO**  
 TOTAL SALES: 1  
 PRICE: \$241,000  
**EL SOBRANTE**

TOTAL SALES: 1  
 PRICE: \$144,500

**EMERYVILLE**  
 TOTAL SALES: 1  
 PRICE: \$165,000

**OAKLAND**  
 TOTAL SALES: 34  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$ 69,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$570,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$249,676

**PIEDMONT**  
 TOTAL SALES: 1  
 PRICE: \$424,500

**SAN LEANDRO**  
 TOTAL SALES: 17  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$ 95,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$314,500  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$177,323

TOTAL SALES: 1  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$144,500  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$165,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$154,500

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801 CALMAR - Crocker - New Listing. Trad with Tudor-like features. Nice details. 4BD/3.5BA, updated kit. Deck w/ south bay view. Large yard, level lawn area. Garage. KAREN LUM. \$399,500  
 1289 HOLMAN RD - Trad. Charm - 3BD/2BA Crocker Highlands home with family room, pretty yard and flexible floor plan. Convenient commute location. DIAN HYMER \$329,500  
 21 STAUFFER COURT - Redwood Hts - New listing! All level entry on cul-de-sac. 3BD/1.5BA & fam rm w/ wet bar & frpl. Attractive landscaped gardens. Includes extra lot. ADRIANA GIACOMELLI \$265,000  
 4467 MORAGA AVE - Piedmont Ave. - New listing! Very spacious & light 3+BD/2BA, extra storage/ workshop room, rumpus, large sunny yard. Nice views, move right in. VICKY FAULK \$255,000  
 657 FAIRMOUNT AVE - Piedmont Ave. - New listing! Style & convenience. 2BD/1BA, walk to Piedmont Ave, deluxe remodeled kitchen & lovely tree views. VICKY FAULK \$235,000

## OPEN SUNDAY 2:00 - 4:30 PM

9086 BROADWAY TERRACE.....MONTCLAIR.....5BD/4.5BA.....\$589,000.....KEN MacDONALD  
 6780 OAKWOOD DR.....MONTCLAIR.....4BD/4.5BA.....\$469,000.....GEORGE KARSANT  
 2098 MELVIN RD.....OAKMORE.....3BD/2+BA.....\$432,500.....KATHERINE GRUBB  
 815 TRESTLE GLEN.....CROCKER.....3+BD/3BA.....\$379,900.....JACK BRENNEMAN  
 3462 NOYO ST.....JOAQUIN MILLER.....2BD/2BA.....\$279,000.....JOAN ALFORD  
 4628 STAUFFER PL.....REDWOOD HTS.....3BD/2BA.....\$269,500.....ADRIANA GIACOMELLI  
 6028 THORNHILL DR.....MONTCLAIR.....2BD/2BA.....\$259,000.....JOHN NEILSON  
 388 SANTA CLARA.....MONTCLAIR.....2BD/1+BA.....\$148,500-\$149,500.....DONNA CONROY

## BY APPOINTMENT • 339-1174

OAKLAND ★ MONTCLAIR ★ PIEDMONT ★ ALAMEDA

**POOLSIDE AFTERNOON!**.....\$1,500,000  
 Sunny 1+ acre estate has rural ambiance and easy commute. Gated, 5+BD/4+BA, guest cottage plus more! Ruth Lockhart  
**CLAREMONT PINES**.....\$895,000  
 Beautiful new Mediterranean by Mark Becker. Elegant appointments throughout - marble, custom lighting, oak. Lovely landscaping with mature palm, redwood and fir trees, and a private level yard. Wonderful courtyard and balconies. James Duffy  
**OAKLAND HILLS/SKYLINE**.....\$750,000  
 Unique and beautiful custom built. A dramatic home with large square footage. Fabulous view. 3BD/2.5BA, pool/sauna, game room, loft, wine room & much more. Don Coelho  
**FABULOUS TRADITIONAL**.....\$649,000  
 Spacious/sunny with 5BD/3BA & a flexible floor plan. Good indoor/outdoor living. Fine architectural detailing combines old world charm with modern amenities. Dian Hymer  
**GREAT SF VIEW!**.....\$499,000  
 Montclair contemporary 3BD/2.5BA, formal DR, high ceilings, French doors, numerous decks, patio and your very own redwood grove! Spacious studio over garage makes a perfect home office or separate guest quarters! Darcy Diamantini  
**UPPER ROCKRIDGE**.....\$499,000  
 Updated California ranch with hill and Bay views. Spacious indoor and outdoor living. Updated kitchen. 3BD/2BA. Michael Thompson  
**LARGE SUNNY YARD!**.....\$479,000  
 Sharp 3BD/2BA with family room, all on one level. Great indoor-outdoor living. Beautifully maintained and landscaped. Dian Hymer  
**SOPHISTICATED MONTCLAIR CONTEMPORARY**.....\$454,950  
 3BD/2.5BA, den, home office, attention to detail. Beamed ceilings, great master suite. A lot of home for the \$! Donna Conroy  
**CROCKER HIGHLANDS**.....\$408,000  
 Enchanting Normandy. Architect designed in the 1920's. Old world charm with 4BD/3BA. Library, formal dining, large eat-in kitchen. Sunny deck and 2-car garage. Dian Hymer  
**GLENVIEW DUPLEX - NEW LISTING**.....\$375,000  
 Upper 3BD/2BA with built-ins. Lower unit - 3BD/2BA very special - great for shared living. Ruby Ng/Karen Lum  
**SPECTACULAR VIEW!**.....\$299,000  
 Cozy 5-year-old Montclair 1BD/1BA w/ fab views of SF, Mt. Tam & bridges. Situated on over .25 acre. Lots of potential for expansion. Darcy Diamantini  
**PIEDMONT AVE AREA**.....\$239,000  
 Newer 4BD/2.5BA 2-story home with kitchen, family room opening to deck and level sunny yard. Walk to shops. Dian Hymer  
**WHAT CURB APPEAL!**.....\$239,000  
 Inviting country colonial with special ambiance. Wonderful details of the craftspeople of 1918's. Peaceful outlook of hills. 2+BD/1BA. Plus rm has int. access & sep entry. Pick flowers from garden with white picket fence. Crocker School dist. Ruby Ng  
**HOME WITH A VIEW!**.....\$219,000  
 Charming 4BD/2BA home in Laurel district. Remodeled 13 years ago. Dining room, eat-in kitchen. Great for entertaining. Donna Conroy  
**MONTCLAIR FIXER - JUST LISTED!**.....\$209,000  
 Fabulous potential! Fixer upper with canyon and bay view. 2BD/1BA and separate 1BD/1BA. Put in sweat equity and benefits. Dell Orr  
**GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD**.....\$179,000  
 Nice house, bay view & beautiful landscaped yard. Bonus rm could be 3rd BD. 2BD, 1BA. Ruth Lockhart  
**TURNKEY HOUSE!**.....\$165,000  
 Charming 2BD starter in Dimond district. Fruit trees in sunny yard. Ken MacDonald  
**GLENVIEW**.....\$165,000  
 Great place to start! Large sunny rooms w/ new carpet & fresh paint. Large level lot w/ garage & wkshp. Property backs up to city park! George Karsant

## OPEN SUNDAY 2:00 - 4:30 PM

1518 HAWTHORNE TERR.....BERKELEY.....4+BR/2.5BA.....\$849,000.....MONA T  
 101 MONTROSE.....BERKELEY.....5BR/3BA.....\$569,000.....KIM M  
 2900 FOREST.....BERKELEY.....3+BR/2.5BA.....\$569,000.....DIANE  
 2847 PRINCE.....BERKELEY.....4BR/3.5BA.....\$429,000.....KIM M  
 2991 SHASTA.....BERKELEY.....2+BR/3BA.....\$369,000.....SOHEVI M  
 1826 BERKELEY WAY.....BERKELEY.....2BR/1BA.....\$220,000.....CH  
 2213 SACRAMENTO.....BERKELEY.....2BR/1BA.....\$209,900.....CH  
 1619 TYLER.....BERKELEY.....3BR/1BA.....\$189,000.....CH  
 2615 BENVENUE #B.....BERKELEY.....1BR/1BA.....\$155,000.....TH  
 2611 BENVENUE #4.....BERKELEY.....2BR/1BA.....\$139,000.....CH  
 395 60TH ST.....ROCKRIDGE.....2+BR/2BA.....\$259,500.....CH

## BY APPOINTMENT • 486-1495

BERKELEY ★ KENSINGTON ★ ALBANY ★ EL CERRITO ★ RICHMOND

## BERKELEY HILLS CHALET STYLE

**CONTEMPORARY**.....\$849,000  
 Carmel setting, Bay views, stunning architectural charm inside and out! Full of sunlight, beautifully detailed, soaring ceilings, FDR, gorgeous kitchen. Glass doors open to large deck and Bay views. Deep rear yard for serene privacy. A must see!

**FABULOUS RANCHER IN THE BERKELEY HILLS**.....\$595,000  
 Dramatic living rm opens to lovely patio & yard. Well built & generously proportioned, 4BR, 2BA plus large, separate in-law. Spacious eat-in kitchen, large yard, beautifully landscaped. Large & comfortable in Berkeley's best location.

**BRILLIANT SF BAY VIEWS**.....\$425,000  
 Berkeley hills, walk to campus, gourmet shops and tennis. Spacious, well-maintained 3BR/2.5BA with office space, hardwood floors. Architect designed. Two 2-car garages, quiet and peaceful.

**CLASSY BERKELEY HILLS DUPLEX**.....\$415,000  
 REDUCED \$24,000! Gorgeous Bay views from this contemp style duplex. Both units 2BR, 1BA. Spacious floor plans with French doors to walled courtyard + balcony. Walk to UC & Northside shops.

**ELEGANT DUPLEX NEAR ROSE GARDEN**.....\$399,000  
 Perfect for owner occupant! 2 & 3 bedroom units with Bay views and hardwood floors. Charming English style exterior. Super North Berkeley location near park, tennis and gourmet ghetto.

**SWEEPING BAY VIEWS FROM BERKELEY HILLS**.....\$369,000  
 JUST LISTED! Large living room with picture windows, hwdw floors, 2 bedrooms, 3 baths, downstairs family room. Peaceful, secluded Japanese garden backyard.

**BEAUTIFULLY DESIGNED BERKELEY TOWNHOME**.....\$310,000  
 Fantastic renovation! 3BR/2.5BA with fireplace, hardwood floors and more. Private rear unit with private yard. Walk to Gourmet Ghetto.

**NORTH BERKELEY CONDO**.....\$305,000  
 Beauty & convenience. Just steps from the Gourmet Ghetto, shops, trans. 3BR, 2.5BA, chef's kitchen, hwdw floors, private deck, fireplace. One of 4 units. Quiet.

## A DARLING IN ROCKRIDGE

Picturesque 1913 home blends Craftsman and Cottage styles. Multi-paned ornamental windows. remod. kit, blond oak detailed mst suite with ins & garden views. Formal dining with wainscoting, frpl w/ adj. built-ins, hwdw fls. 2+BR, secluded yard w/ deck. Walk to College Ave.

**SPLIT LEVEL ALBANY BUNGALOW**.....JUST LISTED!  
 Bright and charming 2+BR, 1 bath home in a great Albany location. Formal dining, wood floors, lovely private gardens.

**HANSEL & GRETEL'S COTTAGE IN BERKELEY?**  
 YES, JUST LISTED! You must see this one! 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, stone fireplace, large yard, fruit trees. Great use of stone, wood and plants create fairy tale house

**SUNFILLED CENTRAL BERKELEY BUNGALOW**.....JUST LISTED!  
 Totally renovated in 1997 with breakfast sunlit custom-built kitchen with breakfast room, remodeled bath with Roman bath & shower, white oak floors throughout, lovely deck & 2BR, 1BA. Easy walk to BART & shopping.

**DOWNSTAIRS FLAT ON TREE-LINED STREET**  
 Updated kitchen & bath, private entrance and Wood floors, nice details, 3BR, 1.5BA, great dining room. Walk to Berkeley Bowl or UC.

**A LITTLE SLICE O' HEAVEN**  
 JUST LISTED! Victorian/Craftsman with 3BR, immense basement, deep sunny yard and beautiful natural woodwork. Caring and cooperative. Excellent condition, seismic retrofit. Don't miss!

**READY TO MOVE IN!**  
 Rediscover the Richmond Annex. Clean and bright this 3BR home is freshly painted, has attached garage, utility room, large rear yard with deck. Open & sunny floor plan.

**PERFECT ALBANY STARTER**  
 All appliances included in this sale! A very well located home with remodeled kitchen and bath and Marin views! Home warranty included.

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# Wilson

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as his residence on his in Scotland. Many other of the nobility followed the time Queen Victoria as the throne, the trend of Gothic Revival homes led to the middle class, erected its own modest cottages." Thus the Revival style was the first pan-era architectural style, popular until the 1870s. In the United States, the Gothic Revival hit the East Coast in the 1830s. In 1838 architect Alfred Jackson Davis designed the first Gothic Revival home in the United States, on the Hudson River in New York. The house was built in the 1860s. The Gothic Revival style came to America with the Gold Rush. The most versions of cottages

using the style in the Bay Area were built in the late 1840s.

One of the best surviving examples is the Walch Cottage on E Street in Benicia. A company in Boston that made early versions of "prefabricated homes" built the house.

Joseph Walch purchased the house in Boston, shipped it around Cape Horn, unloaded it in Benicia and assembled it where it stands today. The Walch Cottage is the oldest extant (or largely intact) wood-framed house in the East Bay.

All of the home's original decorative detail remains in place, which is why I chose it to grace the cover of my guidebook *A Living Legacy: Historic Architecture of the East Bay*. Its twin, by the way, stands in Sonoma—the well-known home of General Mariano Vallejo.

Another famous example of a Gothic Revival cottage familiar to every adult American is the farmhouse depicted in Grant Wood's painting "American Gothic." While the title of the painting actually refers to the austere mood of the farm couple standing in the foreground, the residence behind them is a classic version of "Carpenter Gothic" cottage—a wood-frame one-and-half story residence that was built

## The East Bay Gothic Revival home, Mosswood, in Oakland has four different shapes of bargeboards. The most intriguing "snakes" along the south gable.

in the 1860s and still stands today.

Three distinguishing characteristics can be found on all true Gothic Revival style homes from the most modest cottage to the grandest three-story villa. The most prominent feature is the high-peaked gable, a roofline with a 45 degree or steeper angle, a feature borrowed from medieval architecture's steeply pitched roof lines that helped shed snow.

The second feature found on all Gothic Revival homes is the bargeboard, a decorative piece of wooden trim lining the underside of the gable, the eaves. The barge board could be either a single long piece of wood or several short pieces placed so tightly that they appear to be a single piece.

This feature was first found on late medieval and Tudor homes as a sign of the homeowner's wealth and sophistication. Bargeboard patterns were almost limitless. The Walch Cottage boasts two identical icicle pattern bargeboards which are actually rows of icicle-shaped pendants lined up side-by-

side.

Another prominent East Bay Gothic Revival home, Mosswood, in Oakland has four different shapes of bargeboards. The most intriguing "snakes" along the south gable, giving the impression of two long thin snakes slithering their way to the underside of the eaves.

The third and most important feature found on all Gothic Revival homes — and the basic defining element of all Gothic-style buildings from the largest stone cathedral to the simplest cottage — is one or more pointed-arched windows or doors.

This feature was taken from the great Gothic cathedrals of medieval Europe where it was first used in the twelfth century. Islamic architects invented this type of arch centuries earlier.

A visit to any of the delightful structures in the East Bay that have all three of these features — from the simple Walch Cottage to the hidden treasure that is Mosswood will let you share firsthand the Gothic Revival style, the first Victorian-era style imported from England.



Built in 1850 the "General Vallejo Cottage" in Sonoma with its highpeaked gable, decorative barge board and pointed-arch window is a perfect example of the Gothic Revival style.

Mark Wilson

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5604 DENTON PLACE, HILLCREST EST - 5BD/3+BA.....\$1,095,000 New listing! Fabulous home on over 1 acre - incredible views! Joan Daniel	1849 DRAKE DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 4BD/2+BA.....\$359,000 Reduced! Gracious & sunny trad, fam rm, privacy, 2-car gar. Nancy Chew
217 GRAVATT DRIVE, CLAREMONT HILLS - 4+BD/3+BA.....\$859,000 Pano SF/bay views, built-in home theater, gourmet kit. Vicki Woodhead	4878 HARBORD, UPPER ROCKRIDGE - 3+BD/3BA.....\$339,000 New listing! Bay view, family room, den, rooftop deck. Kathleen Callahan
5455 HILLTOP CRESCENT, ROCKRIDGE - 4+BD/4+BA.....\$845,000 Cul-de-sac, SF/bay vus, 2 family rms, lg private garden. Donna Costella	6535 VALLEY VIEW, MONTCLAIR - 3BD/2BA.....\$335,000 Contemporary in private wooded setting, great sep of space. Nancy Chew
36 CREST ROAD, PIEDMONT - 3+BD/3+BA.....\$805,000 Gracious level-in home in peaceful setting, lovely cond. Debi Fitzgerald	6669 HEARTWOOD DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 2BD/1BA.....\$299,000 Open LR/DR, level in/out, north bay views, patio, 2-car gar. Ann Nichols
943 AQUARIUS WAY, MONTCLAIR - 4+BD/3+BA.....\$759,000 New sophisticated Spanish, 1/4 acre, rumpus, den/library. Vicki Woodhead	2520 LEIMERT BLVD., OAKMORE - 3BD/2BA.....\$299,000 Major price reduction! Stunning colonial in oak tree setting. Kathy Flynn
5933 ESTATES DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 4BD/4BA.....\$738,000 Gorgeous Medit on over 1/4 acre, SF bay view, new kit. Martha Holstlaw	3754 RANDOLPH AVENUE, GLENVIEW - 3+BD/2BA.....\$259,000 Reduced! Move right in! Totally renovated, bsmt, yard, gar. Ann Nichols
119 BEECHWOOD, CLAREMONT PINES - 4BD/3.5BA.....\$699,000 New listing! Lovely 1-yr old custom colonial, best location! Dee Knowland	3367 GUIDO STREET, REDWOOD HEIGHTS - 2+BD/1BA.....\$239,000 New listing! Charming trad, hdwd floors, large level yard. Wendy Gardner
6265 VIRGO ROAD, MONTCLAIR - 4+BD/3+BA.....\$689,000 New listing! Stunning new const, pano bay views, kit/fam rm. Kirk Phillips	6020 LEONA STREET, LINCOLN HEIGHTS - 4BD/1+BA.....\$219,950 Reduced! Special custom built, plus rm, serene garden. Diane E. McCan
107 RICARDO AVENUE, PIEDMONT - 3BD/1+BA.....\$549,000 Gracious Dutch colonial, sun room, den, large yard. Lee Jacobson	4026 ASPEN PLACE, LAUREL - 2BD/1BA.....\$215,000 New listing! Private creekside setting, lg landscaped yd. Donna DeBardi
6865 OAKWOOD DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 4BD/3+BA.....\$499,500 Open & bright contemporary, architectural detail, canyon vu. Robyn Mohr	4712 DAVENPORT, REDWOOD HEIGHTS - 3BD/1+BA.....\$209,500 One owner home, sweeping bay views, frpl, gar, yard. Diane E. McCan
6516 HEATHER RIDGE, MONTCLAIR - 3BD/2+BA.....\$410,000 Reduced! Custom 9-yr old contemporary in park-like setting. Dick Cohen	4742 MOUNTAIN, LEONA HEIGHTS - 3BD/2BA.....\$204,000 New listing! Level living, family room, patio, 2-car garage. Wendy Gardner
226 MODOC AVENUE, UPPER ROCKRIDGE - 4BD/3BA.....\$395,000 New listing! Sunny, updated traditional with bay views, yard. Patricia Scott	76 RAMONA AVENUE, PIEDMONT AVE - 2BD/1BA.....\$199,500 Cute bungalow, hdwd flrs, fresh paint, great back yard, garage. Joan Dark
2159 MASTLANDS DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 4BD/3BA.....\$379,000 New listing! Recently remodeled, move-in cond, rumpus. Chuck Corwin	2928 SHEFFIELD AVE, GLENVIEW - 2BD/1BA.....\$189,000 Sunny trad, move-in condition, frpl, frml dining, att'd garage. Dick Cohen
2101 MASTLANDS DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 3BD/2BA.....\$375,000 Country-like refuge on approx. 1/4 acre of lush serene gardens. Joan Hause	525 MONTE VISTA #1, ROSE GARDEN - 1BD/1BA.....\$127,000 Tranquil condo in highly desirable complex, balcony, parking. Joan Hause

## BY APPOINTMENT

OAKLAND / PIEDMONT

MILES OF PARKLAND SURROUND.....\$999,000 Stunning new home on 1.4 acres with privacy, luxury & tranquility. 3BD/3BA, 2 lg versatile bonus rms. Helen Danahd 547-5750	MONTCLAIR HILLS.....\$395,000 Beautiful bay views and level, sunny yard. 4BD/3BA, family room, formal dining room, fireplace, 2 large decks. Ann Nichols
PIEDMONT ENGLISH TUDOR.....\$879,000 Spacious living room, formal dining, and large family room, each with its own fireplace. 3BD/2+BA, master suite. Sally Morrison	CROCKER HIGHLANDS JEWEL.....\$389,000 Lovely renovated traditional. 3BD/2BA, new kitchen, breakfast room with French doors, large LR, frpl, formal DR. Kathy Flynn
SF & GG BAY VIEWS - PIEDMONT.....\$679,000 Soaring ceilings, hardwood floors, 4BD/4BA, 2 family rooms, formal dining, 4-car garage. A best buy! Helen Danahd 547-5750	TWO FOR THE PRICE OF ONE!.....\$379,000 Charming 2BD/1+BA English cottage with beam ceilings and separate 1BD/1BA house with fireplace and barn. Kathy Flynn
STATELY PIEDMONT HOME.....\$645,000 Located on a quiet street with good natural light throughout. 4BD/3+BA, south bay views, private back yard. Georgia Cornell	BEAUTIFULLY CRAFTED.....\$359,000 Wonderful rich and airy living space on large private lot with c canyon views. 3BD/3BA, cook's kitchen, 2 decks. Ann Nichols
PIEDMONT SIDE OF MONTCLAIR.....\$559,000 Reduced! Sophisticated, tastefully remodeled, great indoor/outdoor space, filtered bay views, 4BD/3BA, office. Teri Carlisle	WALK TO MONTCLAIR VILLAGE!.....\$339,500 This 3BD/3BA home offers a serene setting, eat-in kitchen, rec room, patio and garden areas for outdoor living. Joan Hause
ELEGANT CONTEMPORARY.....\$549,000 Private garden setting with bay views. Dramatic entry, 4BD/3+BA, 2 bdrm suites, formal DR, spacious kit/family rm. Wendy Gardner	ROCKRIDGE TRADITIONAL.....\$287,000 One level, 2BD/2BA, hardwood floors, oak box beam ceilings, two fireplaces, remodeled kitchen and baths. Francis Heath
NEW CONTEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION.....\$469,000 Wonderful views! Open floor plan, over 2,700 sq ft of living space. 3BD/3+BA, large family room or 4th bedroom. Dick Cohen	PRIVATE MONTCLAIR RETREAT.....\$279,000 Woodsy contemporary in a private garden setting. 2BD/2BA, open floor plan, frpl, decks, walk to the Village. Vicki Woodhead
ROCKRIDGE COUNTRY ENGLISH.....\$459,000 Upgraded throughout! 4BD/2+BA, fabulous eat-in kit, formal DR with French doors to deck, fenced patio, garden. Wendy Gardner	NEW LISTING - MONTCLAIR.....\$249,000 Walk to the Village! 3BD/2BA, 2/1 upstairs with family room and lovely patio, 1/1 downstairs with sep entrance. Kathleen Callahan
RIDGEMONT FAMILY HOME.....\$415,000 Sited on a quiet cul-de-sac with wonderful outdoor living on large level lot. 4BD/3BA, family room, 3-car garage. Robyn Mohr	SEQUOYAH HILLS CONTEMPORARY.....\$249,000 3BD/1+BA, hdwd floors, formal DR upstairs, separate au pair down. Private yard, pool and hot tub, 2-car garage. Lee Jacobson
UNIQUE IN RIDGEMONT!.....\$415,000 On a cul-de-sac, approx. 2,900 sq ft, outstanding kitchen remodel/ family room addition, level yard, 3-car garage. Robyn Mohr	SAN FRANCISCO VIEW.....\$212,500 Reduced! Sophisticated, upgraded townhouse. 3BD/2+BA incl. master suite, and lovely garden with flagstone patio. Robyn Mohr
TURN OF THE CENTURY MANSION.....\$400,000 Wonderful large family home. 6BD/2.5BA, library, eat-in kitchen, FDR with leaded glass built-ins, full bsmt and attic. Francis Heath	AFFORDABLE BUNGALOW.....\$99,500 Reduced! Cute 2BD/1BA home in good condition. Updated kitchen & bath, hardwood floors, nice yard, garage. Dick Cohen

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## WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW CAN HURT YOU

### Contract revised again

"Read the fine print before signing." We all know that admonition. So, now you are about to buy or sell a house and will sign a purchase contract. Will you be the rare one to read the entire thing?

Some readers will wonder why I would bother writing an article about picayune changes in a real estate contract. The fact is, real estate is a business of details which do not matter until they affect you.

Often, people get somnolent when they think about real estate purchase contracts. Instead of reading it themselves, they depend on their agent to interpret it for them.

That means you, as a buyer or seller, must choose an agent who is not only familiar with the contracts presently in use, but the new one as well. Once again, the California Association of Realtors residential contract (one to four units) has undergone some alterations.

The good news is that, once the

supply of old contracts is used up, only the newly revised one will be available. One of its significant improvements is that there is no longer "boilerplate" language on the back of pages where it is likely to be missed or disregarded.

The new contract is called a five-pager, but it is actually a minimum of six. As always, the number of pages is less important than which provisions could negatively impact you as either buyer or seller. Read on for some "plain English" explanations.

#### Possession

If you are a buyer who intends to occupy the home upon close of escrow, you want to make sure not to close if a tenant is still in possession. Inheriting a tenant you did not plan on can be very stressful.

The verbiage in the four-page contract allowed the buyer to cancel the contract if the tenant had not

vacated by close of escrow.

In the revised contract, that wording has been eliminated. For your protection, state an exact number of days before close of escrow and/or a specific date by which the tenant must be out.

#### Seller repairs

Have you ever walked into a house that appeared to be nicely remodeled? There are times when some or all of the work was done by or for the seller without permit and not necessarily to code.

This is one reason why there is a statement in the new contract which says: "Property improvements may not a) be built according to codes or in compliance with Law, or b) have had permits issued."

Take this to heart. It is a warning for you as a buyer to carefully read the seller's Transfer Disclosure Statement. Have your agent explain the pros and cons of repairs or modifications done by a seller himself.

As a seller, doing work on your own, or hiring someone to do it, can save you money. Just be aware that taking shortcuts by not getting permits could result in liability and, possibly, additional expense for you.

#### Liquidated Damages

This clause only comes into play when initiated by both buyer and seller. It presets damages in the event the buyer defaults and fails to complete the sale.

Usually, this means after all his contingencies have been removed

in writing. An important part of the Liquidated Damages clause, which helped to minimize misunderstandings, has been eliminated.

It stated: "In the event of a dispute, funds deposited in trust accounts or escrow are not released automatically and require mutual, signed release instructions from both buyer and seller..."

Without this clarification, a seller might expect to automatically get the money if he and the defaulting buyer had initiated Liquidated Damages.

#### Other Changes

In addition to those highlighted

above, the new contract contains a number of alterations in wording and format. For example, there have been amendments to the mediation and arbitration clauses.

Ask your agent about these and other changes in relation to your situation. I cannot emphasize enough the importance of choosing a technically competent agent to work on your behalf.

#### Final thoughts

I continue to be astonished at how many buyers and sellers are willing to sign contracts they do not fully understand. As I tell my clients: buying is more than a treasure

hunt for the right house. Don't wait until you have before you appreciate the possibility for what you have. Call me for more on this. Carefully. And don't just terminate the contract.

Don Dunning is a real estate veteran, a Realtor and co-author of *Real Estate Contracts* by Don Dunning and Bennett Rooker. Write him at 531-7000 or e-mail him at ddunning@comcast.net.

## Home sales, prices so

Figures for Bay area home sales and prices remained high in May, with most of the nine counties posting substantial increases over the same period a year ago.

DataQuick, a La Jolla real estate information service, says some 6,300 existing homes sold last month, an increase of 7.7 percent over May 1996 and 7.5 percent over April 1997.

The median price of \$258,000 last month was down slightly from \$260,000 in April — a record —

but 7.5 percent higher than May 1996.

Not surprisingly, the largest increase in home prices between May 1996 and May 1997 was 11.9 percent in Santa Clara County, followed by 10.2 percent in San Mateo County.

Both counties have benefited from the boom of employment in the Silicon Valley.

Sales in Alameda and Marin counties continued to rise at rapid rates.

Last month, 1,200 percent from May 1996 in Alameda County, some 355 percent increase of 24.5 percent ago.

Sales in Santa Clara slowed in May compared to last year, falling 6.2 percent.

"We expect the market to level off as the market absorbs the price increase," said DataQuick.

To place a classified ad simply call 339-87

# YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE OPEN HOMES

#### OAKLAND Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

5604 DENTON PI, New Listing! Hillcrest 5bd/3+ba, 1+ acre, vswll \$1,095,000

Pacific Union, Joan Daniel 339-6460

217 GRAVATT DR, Claremont Hills, 4+bd/3+ba, pano SF/bay vws \$859,000

Pacific Union, Vicki Woodhead 339-6460

5455 HILLTOP CRESCENT, 4bd/4+ba on cul-de-sac, lg pvt garden \$845,000

Pacific Union, Donna Costella 339-6460

24 NORTH HILL CT, Hiller 5/4 w/pano vw, aupair, office, 3-car \$819,000

garage, level lot. Quality everything! 408-688-1288 OPEN SUNDAY 1-5

943 AQUARIUS WAY, Montclair Spanish 4+bd/3+ba, rumpus, library \$759,000

Pacific Union, Vicki Woodhead 339-6460

5933 ESTATES DR, Montclair 4/4, gorgeous Med, bay vw, nw kit \$739,000

Pacific Union, Martha Holstian 339-6460

5116 COCHRANE, Upr Rckrdge, custom 4+4+ba trad'l, library, patio \$699,000

The GRUBB Company, Sandra Vogl 339-0400

119 BEECHWOOD, Claremont Pines 4 1/3 custom colonial, nw listing \$699,000

Pacific Union, Dee Knowland 339-6460

5410 FERNHOFF DR, Oakland Hills 4+bd/3+ba, 1+acre, library, FDR \$695,000

Better Homes, Helen Nicholas 339-8400

6265 VIRGO DR, Montclair 4+bd/3+ba, nw listing! pano bay vws \$689,000

Pacific Union, Kirk Phillips 339-6460

1295 SUNNYHILLS, Crocker, incredible 3-level Med w/detalls! 4 1/3 \$629,000

The GRUBB Company, Judy Cain 339-0400

6201 ACACIA AV, 4/3, new, spacious Tudor, Level-in, pano hills vw \$625,000

3 decks, 3 fp, mstr suite, study. Prime location. Agt/Richard 559-9134 SUN 1-4

4801 PROCTOR, Exciting nr craftsman, 5 1/3, terraced gdn, views \$619,000

The GRUBB Company, Linda McCain 339-0400

9086 BROADWAY TER, 3 bridge vw, 5bd/4+ba, hwdws flrs, decks \$589,000

Coldwell Banker, Ken MacDonald 339-1174

5937 BUENA VISTA, Rockridge, 4 1/2, SF & bay vws, level garden \$589,000

The GRUBB Company, John Karmay 339-0400

5911 MONZAL, 1st open! 5bd/3+ba trad'l, hwdws, gourmet kitchen \$579,000

Wells & Bennett, Nancy Novick 482-2392

2100 DRAKE DR, Montclair, custom 3bd/3ba, double usable lot \$529,000

Better Homes, Carol Cohen 339-8400

6344 SNAKE RD, Montclair 3bd/2ba Tudor, 2 fireplaces \$528,500

Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Cheryl St. Clair 339-2626

34 OVAL RD, Montclair, custom, 4 yr old, 3bd/2ba on cul-de-sac \$499,500

Owner 547-8173 OPEN SUNDAY 1-4

6865 OAKWOOD DR, Montclair, 4bd/3+ba, architectural detail, vw \$499,500

Pacific Union, Robyn Mohr 339-6460

6822 BRISTOL, Hiller Highlands, 4bd/3ba, maple floors, level yd, vw \$499,000

Mason-McDuffie, Darrin Tinsley 834-2010

6848 ARMOUR DR, Montclair, 4bd/3+ba unique, fab vwt nw listing! \$489,000

Better Homes Realty 339-4000

31 BAY FOREST CT, Pinewood, 2+1/2, fabulous vw of both cities! \$475,000

Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Herb Manor 869-4227

2035 MAGELLAN, Montclair, In the trees/close to village, 4bd/3ba \$475,000

Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Jim Forquer 869-4263

6780 OAKWOOD DR, Texas sized home 4 1/4, quality constr, 3 frpl \$469,000

Coldwell Banker, George Karsant 339-1174

235 SOMERSET RD, Montclair, redesigned kit, patio, gdn, bay vws \$449,000

The GRUBB Company, Angela Wei Grubb 339-0400

2098 MELVIN RD, Oakmore, 1st time on market, 3/2+, FDR, fam rm \$432,500

Coldwell Banker, Katherine Grubb 339-1174

15005 BROADWAY TER, Tri-level 3 1/2 contemp, FAB VIEW!! deck \$429,000

Marvin Gardens, Sue 273-9510

5210 CLAREWOOD, Rockridge, stunning 4bd/2+ba 9yr old home \$429,000

Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, David Otter 869-4239

6360 ROANOKE, 4bd/2+ba, charming secluded contemporary in \$429,000

the heart of Rockridge, Rockridge Realty 655-2330 OPEN SUNDAY 2-5

3003 TOTTERDELL, Montclair, just listed! 4bd/2ba, spacious \$424,900

Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Bob Randall 869-4242

5511 LaSALLE AVE, Montclair, 3bd/2ba, nw pain/roof, den, patio \$419,000

The GRUBB Company, Elizabeth Dickson 339-0400

6705 OAKWOOD, 4 1/4, total remodel, decks, grand mstr, reduced \$419,000

Wells & Bennett, Stan Hammond 839-5846

6516 HEATHER RIDGE, Montclair 3bd/2+ba contemp, price reduced! \$410,000

Pacific Union, Dick Cohen 339-6460

5926 WOOD DR, Montclair, view contemp, 3 1/2, lg patio, Japanese \$409,000

gdns, family rm, patio, pool College Ave Realty, Steve Dopkin 845-8008

8201 SKYLINE CIR, Bayview in Oakland Hills, 3 & 4bds w/2+ba, High

by Kaufman and Broad, Spectacular views of SF bay, recreational \$300,000's

trails, easy commute, 430-9633 OPEN DAILY 10-6, FRIDAY 1-6 and up

801 CALMAR, Crocker, new listing! 4bd/3+ba, deck w/bay vw, lg yd \$399,500

Coldwell Banker, Karen Lum 339-1174

226 MODOC AVE, Upr Rockridge, 4bd/3ba, nw listing! bay vw, yd \$395,000

Pacific Union, Patricia Scott 339-6460

6915 PINEHAVEN DR, Montclair, 5bd/2+ba, in-law w/sep entry \$389,500

Better Homes, Ed Lindorff 531-6401 OPEN SUNDAY 2-5

6880 MOORE DRIVE, Montclair 3+bd/3ba, nearly new! 2800+ sq ft \$389,000

Better Homes, Lois C. Johnson 339-8400

6779 CHELTON DR, Montclair 3 1/2 incl. mstr, FDR, office, decks \$389,000

The GRUBB Company, Kurt Buchholz 339-0400

815 TRESTLE GLEN, Crocker trad'l, 2 story, 3+bd/3ba, hwdw floors \$379,900

Coldwell Banker, Jack Breneman 339-1174

6719 CHELTON DR, Montclair 4bd/3ba, level-in, kit/fam rm combo \$379,000

Pacific Union, Diane E. McCan 339-6460

7265 WILD CURRANT, Montclair, 4/3, huge yd, private, reduced! \$379,000

Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Carole Berger 644-5499

45 TEMPLAR PI, 1940's Cape Cod, 2+bd/1+ba, hwdws, secluded deck \$379,000

The GRUBB Company, Ed Kuo 339-0400

2159 MASTLANDS DR, Recently remodeled 4bd/3ba, rumpus \$379,000

Pacific Union, Chuck Corwin 339-6460

3330 MONTEREY BL, Upr Redwood, 4bd/3ba custom vw home \$378,888

Better Homes Realty 339-4000

2101 MASTLANDS DR, Montclair, 3bd/2b, 1/4 acre lush gardens \$375,000

Pacific Union, Joan Hauke 339-6460

12540 BROOKPARK, 5bd/3ba on 1/3 acre, hwdws, fam rm, deck, yd \$375,000

Better Homes, Vickie Chan Case 339-8400

6255 VIEWCREST, Ridgmont, carefree living w/bay views, level yd \$359,000

Better Homes Realty 339-4000

1849 DRAKE DR, Montclair, 4bd/2+ba gracious trad'l, pool, privacy \$359,000

Pacific Union, Nancy Chew 339-6460

7321 SKYLINE BL, View! stylish rooms! 3bd/2b +buildable adj. lot \$359,000

The GRUBB Company, Judy Cain 339-0400

864 SANTA RAY, Crocker, 3 1/2 Med, original wdwork, FDR, office \$342,000

Better Homes, Charlene Claybaugh 339-8400 X216

1915 HOOVER, Upper Oakmore 3+bd/3ba, charming Tudor, bay vw \$339,000

Better Homes, Martha Shin 531-8643

4878 HARBORD, Upr Rockridge 3+bd/3ba, den, vw, rooftop deck \$339,000

Pacific Union, Kathleen Callahan 339-6460

15 MASONIC PL, Upr Rockridge, 2/2 superb contemp, grt location \$338,000

Better Homes Realty 339-4000

6305 MELVILLE DR, 1st open! bay/bridge vw! Montclair 3-level hm \$335,000

Templeton Company, Leslie Easterday 652-2133 X134

6535 VALLEY VIEW, Montclair 3bd/2ba, private woodsy setting \$335,000

Pacific Union, Nancy Chew 339-6460

1289 HOLMAN DR, Crocker, 3bd/2ba, family rm, flexible floor plan \$329,500

Coldwell Banker, Dian Hymer 339-1174

261 CAPRICORN, Montclair, 4/2 contemp, wooded views, 2 frpl \$325,000

The GRUBB Company, James Garcia 339-0400

9 EVERGREEN, Berk/Oak Hills, 2+1/2, walk to the Claremont, vws \$325,000

Mason-McDuffie 845-0211, Julie Nachtweg 849-5303

6828 SARONI DR, Montclair 3bd/2ba, 1st open! walls of glass! \$332,000

Better Homes, Victor Fierro 339-8400

1207 HAMPEL, Quirky but charming! Glenview triplex, 1bd apts \$319,000

Wells & Bennett, Mary Neuberger 530-4148

2663 LAS AROMAS, Piedmont Pines, 2+1, separate office, lg lot \$309,000

Better Homes Realty 339-4000

6674 CHARING CROSS, Hiller Highlands 3bd/2+ba, many updates \$299,999

Better Homes, Mel Copland 339-8400

6064 COLTON, New listing! 2bd/1ba, floor to ceiling windows, decks \$299,500

Wells & Bennett, Stan Hammond 339-5846

6669 HEARTWOOD DR, Montclair, 2bd/1ba, north bay vws, patio \$299,000

Pacific Union, Ann Nichols 339-6460

2520 LEIMERT BL, Oakmore 3bd/2ba, stunning colonial, reduced! \$299,000

Pacific Union, Kathy Flynn 339-6460

5246 MILES AVE, Rockridge, New Listing! 3bd/1+ba 2-story, hwdws \$295,000

small yard, Investco 834-9033 OPEN SUNDAY 1:30-3:30

1 SEQUOYAH VIEW Ct, 3+bd/3ba, a "must see", office, etc. \$289,000

Gadsby & Associates, Lois 748-5300

18 MANDANA CIRCLE, 3bd/1+ba, New listing! arched ceiling, \$289,000

hwdws, nice backyard, Investco 834-9033 OPEN SUNDAY 1-5

1857 MAGELLAN DR, Just listed! 3bd/2+ba custom contemp \$289,000

Better Homes, Charlene Claybaugh 339-8400 X216

3462 NOYO ST, Private hideaway on 7 acre, 2bd/2ba, many \$289,000

Coldwell Banker, Joan Alford 339-1174

6821 THORNHILL DR, Montclair 2bd/1+ba, quiet/woodsy, \$289,0



## It's summertime!

the moisture from escaping the soil via evaporation. Due to the decrease in evaporation loss I find that I can water my plants three times a week rather than every day.

There are a number of different types of mulch. I prefer the fine shredded redwood because I believe it prevents evaporation of water from the soil more effectively than other mulches. The redwood mulch actual blankets the soil making it difficult for the hot, dry air to reach the soil surface.

### Use water wisely

To conserve more water it is best to apply the water to the plants, not the entire garden bed. That feat is accomplished by using drip irrigation or by strategically placing soaker hoses under the mulch.

How often to water and how deeply are the next things to consider. When summer heat hits the Bay Area, I try to keep the soil a half inch below the surface down to about six inches moist, not wet. The very surface of unmulched soil may appear and actually be dry, but if I dig down with a trowel I can determine the water content in the all important root zone.

Garden perennials, annuals, shrubs have their feeder roots (roots that take in water and nutrients) within the top six to eight inches of soil. If you consider that fact, then you should consider the proposi-

tion that it is not necessary to keep the soil moist at any greater depth than eight inches. So watering deeply and less often is not what your plants need.

How often you must add water to maintain that six-inch depth of moisture depends upon what type of soil you have. Clay will hold water for longer periods than sand. My soil is clay and, therefore, I can get by with watering three times a week.

One other problem of watering deeply and less often is that you move fertilizer you added to an area below the root zone. Soluble nitrogen fertilizer can be carried below the root zone making it impossible for the plant to assimilate the nitrogen. So you can fertilize the devil out of you gardens, water deeply and still have nitrogen starved plants.

Wise water use is not only sound on the water bill, but it is a helpful ecological practice. Mulching, watering to depths of six to eight inches, maintaining soil moisture (not allowing the soil to dry) and putting the water only where it is needed are four steps to follow during the hot dry summer and the entire growing season of your garden.

Jan Hall is the owner of Plympton Gardens, a garden design company. She can be reached at 758-6946.

## Interest rates extend slide

On June 19 the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation's (Freddie Mac) Primary Mortgage Market Survey showed that the nationwide average for the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage for the week fell 9 basis points to 7.61 percent from last week's average of 7.72 percent.

This is the lowest the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage has been since the week ending February 21, 1997, when it averaged 7.56 percent. A the end of the third week of June 1996, the 30-year fixed rate mortgage stood at 8.30 percent. The average start rate for the one-year Treasury-indexed adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) fell a single basis point from last week's average of 5.67 percent to 5.66 percent.

The ARM rate has not been this low since the week ending March 14, 1997, when it averaged 5.61 percent. This time last year this start rate was 5.93 percent.

This week's average for 15-year fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option in the refinancing market, is 7.14 percent, down 13 basis points from last week's average of 7.27 percent.

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has averaged since the week ending February 21, 1997, when it averaged 7.06 percent. A year ago the average for the 15-year fixed-rate mortgage was 7.81 percent.

"Retail sales and housing starts were both down in May, indicating a moderation of economic growth in the second quarter,"

said Freddie Mac's deputy chief economist Frank Nothaft.

"Complementing this, the Producer Price Index was down three-tenths of 1 percent. Given this evidence of slower growth and very low inflation, our outlook is for a continued affordable housing market."

This year Freddie Mac celebrates the 26th consecutive year of the Primary Mortgage Market Survey having tracked mortgage interest rates since 1971.

Freddie Mac is a stockholder-owned corporation chartered by Congress in 1970 to create a continuous flow of funds to mortgage lenders.

The organization supplies lenders with the money to make mortgages and then packages these mortgages into marketable securities.

In this way Freddie Mac sustains a stable mortgage credit system and reduces the mortgage rates paid by home buyers.

**'Given this evidence of slower growth, our outlook is for a continued affordable housing market.'**

— FREDDIE MAC DEPUTY CHIEF ECONOMIST FRANK NOTHAFT

Over the years, Freddie Mac has opened the doors for one in six home buyers in America.

More information about Freddie Mac can be found on the company's Web site, [www.freddiemac.com](http://www.freddiemac.com).

On May 30 the Federal Home Loan Bank Board pegged the 11th District Cost of Funds Index (COFI) for June payments at 4.822 percent, up 4 basis points from the 4.780 percent that was in effect for May payments.

The COFI is the index widely used by the savings and loan industry for its adjustable rate mortgages.

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1515 VILVA AVE, New listing! 2bd/1ba, updt'd kitchen, hdwd, yd \$194,000  
Call Bennett, Chris Christensen 531-7000

1515 VILVA AVE, Glenview, 2bd/1ba, frpl, FDR, att'd garage \$189,000  
Call Union, Dick Cohen 339-6460

1515 VILVA AVE, Glenview, 2bd/1 1/2ba split level, just listed! \$182,000  
Call Homes Realty 339-4000

1515 VILVA AVE, Glenview, excellent value, 2bd/1ba bungalow \$182,000  
Call McDuflie, Craig 339-9290

1515 VILVA AVE, 4 1/2 huge Victorian great on wooded dbl lot \$179,000  
Call Homes Realty 339-4000

1515 VILVA AVE, #106, Corner unit. Great view. Perfect garden. \$177,000  
Call All appliances & washer/dryer. CAWCO 652-4800

1515 VILVA AVE, 2bd stunning Spanish bungalow. Superb style & \$172,500  
Call Mintl, Grt ngrhndl Bickley RE, John/Ronda 769-1606 SUNDAY 2-4

1515 VILVA AVE, 3bd/1 1/2ba, great view! total remodel, must see! \$170,000  
Call McDuflie 834-2010, Dianne Campbell 530-0596

1515 VILVA AVE, Glenview, 3bd/1ba, great for 1st time buyer! \$159,951  
Call Homes Realty 339-4000 OPEN SUNDAY 2-5

1515 VILVA AVE, Just reduced! 2/1, garage/workshop & more! \$153,000  
Call McDuflie 339-9290, Erik Johnson 869-4246

1515 VILVA AVE, #202, Classd hdwds in kitchen, frpl, laundry \$149,500  
Call Banker, Donna Conroy 339-1174

1515 VILVA AVE, #104, Condo with classl hdwds, frpl, laundry \$148,500  
Call Banker, Donna Conroy 339-1174

1515 VILVA AVE, Laurel District, above MacArthur, 3bd/1ba \$145,950  
Call Realty 527-3387 X112 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

1515 VILVA AVE, Mills College, cute 2bd, FDR, grt remod kitchn \$145,900  
Call McDuflie 834-2010, Dolores Thom 763-1710

1515 VILVA AVE, Dimond, 2bd/1ba, great price/great areal \$145,000  
Call McDuflie 339-9290, Cindy Boze 869-4203

1515 VILVA AVE, ST, Adams Point, rare chateau-style 2 1/2 condo, hdwd, frpl \$135,000  
Call McDuflie 834-2010, Susan Casqueiro 286-7571

1515 VILVA AVE, CTAVIA, 2b/1b, adorable bungalow, hdwd, remod kit, garden \$134,500  
Call Homes, Victor Fierro 832-4339

1515 VILVA AVE, TRASK ST, Maxwell Park, 2bd/1ba cute Spanish style, clean! \$129,500  
Call Homes Realty 339-4000

1515 VILVA AVE, #201, Deal fell through! Owner says sell. \$129,000  
Call Union, Joan Hulse 339-6460

1515 VILVA AVE, #1, Rose Garden, 1/1 condo, desirable complex \$127,000  
Call Canyon Oak DR, Ridgemont, 1/1 designer unit, frpl, 815 sf, \$114,000  
Call Level, Prudential CA Realty, Louise 888-6331/568-2131 SUN 1-4:30

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Call Union, Joan Hulse 339-6460

2900 FOREST, 3+bd/2 1/2ba \$569,000  
Call Coldwell Banker, Diane Verducci 486-1495

101 MONTROSE, Berkeley 5bd/3ba \$569,000  
Call Coldwell Banker, Kim Marienthal 486-1495

3023 BENVENUE, New listing! Elmwood, 1904 brown shingle, 4 1/2 \$499,000  
Call Templeton Company, Susie Schevill 652-2133 X144 OPEN SUNDAY 2-5

2847 PRINCE, Berkeley 4bd/3 1/2ba \$429,000  
Call Coldwell Banker, Kim Marienthal 486-1495

2806 DERBY, Great brown shingle, 2bd flats, both owner occupied \$420,000  
Call Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X123 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

240 HILLCREST, Claremont English, 4bd, garden \$399,000  
Call Mason-McDuflie 845-6021, Nancy Platford 652-5133

2991 SHASTA, Berkeley 2bd/3ba \$369,000  
Call Coldwell Banker, 486-1495

9 EVERGREEN, Berk/Oakland Hills, 2+2, walk to the Claremont, vws \$325,000  
Call Mason-McDuflie 845-0211, Julie Nachtweg 849-5303

1011 MILLER, Sunny 2bd, bay view from house, huge yard \$299,000  
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2536 REGENT ST, 4bd/2ba, grt location! close to UC, restaurants \$259,000  
Call The GRUBB Company, Melitta Beeson 339-0400

1826 BERKELEY WAY, 2bd/1ba \$220,000  
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2213 SACRAMENTO, 2bd/1ba \$209,900  
Call Coldwell Banker, Candace Hyde-Wang 486-1495

1619 TYLER, Berkeley 3bd/1ba \$189,000  
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1526 ADDISON ST, Affordable bungalow, frpl, hdwds, fenced yard \$175,000  
Call Thornwall Properties, Kathryn Hill 848-1950 X242 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

2615 BENVENUE #B, 1bd/1ba \$155,000  
Call Coldwell Banker, The Longs 486-1495

1271 65th ST, 2+bd/1ba updated craftsman, plus rm or 3rd bd \$139,500  
Call Mason-McDuflie 339-9290, Felicia Owens 869-4217

2611 BENVENUE #4, Berkeley, 2bd/1ba \$139,000  
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### EL CERRITO Open Sunday

8644 DON CAROL, Elegant remod 4/3, pano SF bay vw, decks, yd \$635,000  
Call Locators Real Estate 232-7184, Sil Addiego 526-5746 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

8740 DON CAROL, 3/2 on quiet cul-de-sac, hdwds, lg lot, much more! \$359,000  
Call Marvin Gardens 527-9111, Mary Gray 466-5843 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

5508 MacDONALD, New listing! Bright, sunny, 2bd, nice views! \$165,000  
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### EMERYVILLE Open Sunday

4300 HORTON #9, Stunning, sophisticated 1+bd/1ba loft, 2 levels \$219,000  
Call Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X105 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

4300 HORTON #13, Sunny 2-level, 1+bd/1+ba, loft, roll-up door \$215,000  
Call Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X105 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

### KENSINGTON Open Sunday

280 LEXINGTON, Contemporary in forested setting, 5bd/2 1/2ba \$409,000  
Call Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X124 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

58 LENOX ROAD, 4bd/2ba, pano vws, FDR, brkfst & fam rms, deck \$379,000  
Call Berkeley Hills RE 524-9888, Kathleen duBois 525-3345 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

31 ARLINGTON AVE, 3bd/2ba, private patio, dining rm, view \$310,000  
Call Mason-McDuflie 845-0211, Nancy Taussig 524-8249 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

### PIEDMONT Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

42 GLEN ALPINE, Estate quality home, charm & perfection \$1,795,000  
Call The GRUBB Company, Anlan Tunney 339-0400

129 BONITA, Architecturally gracious, elegant entry, formal LR/DR \$979,500  
Call The GRUBB Company, Donald Grubb Jr. 339-0400

210 SCENIC AVE, 3bd/4ba, pano bay view, quality, au-pair \$849,000  
Call Mason-McDuflie 428-0900, Rosalie Marshall 644-5442

209 HILLSIDE AVE, Sunny 3+3/4 trd'l, updt'd kit, level to gardens \$849,000  
Call The GRUBB Company, Debra Dryden 339-0400

36 CREST RD, Lovely 3+bd/3+ba, gracious level-in, peaceful setting \$805,000  
Call Pacific Union, Dabi Fitzgerald 339-6460

121 MONTICELLO AVE, 3+bd/2 1/2ba charming trad'l, family rm, study, \$769,000  
Call gourmet ELK, barnst. Coldwell Banker 254-4385, Jerilyn 547-1615

170 BELL AVE, Architectural contemp w/vw, 3/3 1/2, decks, patios \$659,000  
Call The GRUBB Company, Mavis Delacroix 339-0400

107 RICARDO AVE, 3bd/1+ba Dutch colonial, sun rm, den, lg yd \$549,000  
Call Pacific Union, Lee Jacobson 339-6460

315 HOWARD AVE, New listing! 4bd/3ba craftsman \$525,000  
Call Mason-McDuflie 428-0900, Leslie Gordon 644-5458

132 PALM DR, Charming & level 3bd/1b, FDR, kit opens to pvt patio \$339,000  
Call The GRUBB Company, Susanne Paul 339-0400

### RICHMOND Open Sunday

5716 COLUMBIA, R. Annex, Sharp 3bd/1+ba, tree-lined street \$197,000  
Call Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X113 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

1419 MERCED, R. Annex, immaculate, remod kit/bath, hdwd, garden \$193,888  
Call Marvin Gardens 527-9111, Darrell Hoh 273-9505 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

### SAN LEANDRO Open Sunday

1746 CLEARVIEW DRIVE, 4+ bedrooms \$399,500  
Call Rinetti & Company Realtors, Derek 568-6171 OPEN SUNDAY 1:30-4

2590 HUMBOLDT DRIVE, 4bd/2 1/2ba, pano vws, excellent condition \$339,000  
Call Gadsby & Associates, Ingrid 748-5300 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

628 BROADMOOR, 3 bedrooms \$255,000  
Call Better Homes, Earle 287-9590 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

397 LEXINGTON, 3 bedrooms \$167,500  
Call Rinetti & Company Realtors, Al 568-6171 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

443 EAST MERLE COURT, 2bd/1ba, cute home on large lot \$151,000  
Call Gadsby & Associates, Joe 748-5300 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

389 LEXINGTON, 2 bedrooms \$149,500  
Call Rinetti & Company Realtors, Al 568-6171 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

558 WEST MERLE COURT, 2 bedrooms \$139,000  
Call Rinetti & Company Realtors, Al 568-6171 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

### SAN LORENZO Open Sunday

15538 LORENZO AVE, 3 bedrooms \$212,900  
Call Village Realtors, Tom 481-2489 OPEN SUNDAY 1-4

16162 VIA ARRIBA, 2 bedrooms \$174,500  
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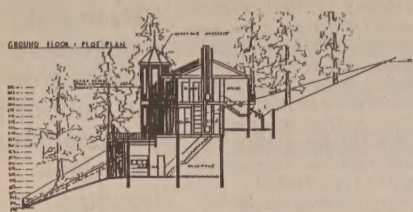
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### Piedmont Pines Lot



A wonderful, wooded lot situated in a desirable location within easy access to the Montclair Village. This .13 of an acre lot has a partial view and is available for purchase with an option of professional services in a design/build format from owner/architect.

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BEAUTIFULLY RESTORED HISTORICAL VICTORIAN. Gourmet kitchen, designer decorated. Large lot with private park-like yard & carriage house rental. Alice Garvin, 748-1763.

LARGE HOME. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath up & 2 bedrooms, 1 bath down. Studio in back. Could be extra income. Beautiful avocado & grapefruit trees in this secluded backyard. Total upgrades. A Must See at \$195,000. Call Debbie Budd, 748-1806.

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OAKLAND FOURPLEX. Close to skyline, excellent neighborhood, all units are 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, best priced in the area. \$299,000. Kitty Wan, 747-1621.
- SAN LEANDRO**

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GREAT RENTAL PROPERTIES IN SAN LEANDRO. Nice area & close to BART. 2 units, both 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Debbie Budd, 748-1806.
- EL CERRITO**

MILLION \$ VIEW FOR ONLY \$325,000. 2 bedrooms up & down. Charm galore, needs fluffing. Feels spacious & bright. Basement area, great opportunity. Ruth Masonek, 748-3877.
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HUGE CORNER LOT. 3 bedroom, 1 bath home. Walk to BART. Mary Ann Herber, 568-2040 or Sharon Greene, 523-9421.

\$280,000 - SPACIOUS CASTRO VALLEY DUPLEX. 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 baths in each unit. Central heat, w/w carpeting. Oversized garages, includes laundry & large yard. Raye Thieman, 748-1771.

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- Oakland**

\$6,000 826 PINE. DRASTIC PRICE REDUCTION! A lot that needs to be cleared of 2 units, has sewer, water, electric, gas & phone lines! Kathy Hirsch 814-4706

\$27,500 \$69,000 320-324 TENTH ST. Retail/Office condos! Price list & floorplans are available! Terry Lee 521-3352

\$47,500 1975 81st AVE. Lot zoned for up to 4 units! Great for contractor! Richard Powell 814-4837

\$90,000 2142 34th AVE. Large 4 BD, 1 1/2 BA bungalow in lovely neighborhood! Needs updating. Call Kathy Hirsch 814-4706

\$109,000 2023 RUTHERFORD. Nice family neighborhood close to shopping & transportation. 3BD, 2BA, & off-street parking. Steve Sorensen 814-4888

\$133,000 625 MADISON #208. Spacious & light 2 BD, 2 BA corner unit with 2 balconies! Convenient to shopping & freeway access! Terry Lee 521-3352

\$189,000 2029 RUTHERFORD. Duplex with detached cottage in rear! Two - 2 BD & one - 1 BD units. Steve Sorensen 814-4888

\$189,900 2621 CARMEL. Pristine 1-level 2+ BD bungalow in lovely neighborhood! Many upgrades! PENDING space, nice rear yard with fruit trees, workshop & garage! Kathy Hirsch 814-4706 & Darlene Hessler 865-3479

\$189,500 1397 ALLMAN. Bright & sunny cottage on corner lot! This 2 BD bungalow has gleaming hardwood floors, huge living room with fireplace, updated kitchen, plus space off garage & yard! Kelly Ann & Gregg Fujita 522-6222

\$210,000 7953 STERLING. Single-level 3 BD well-cared-for bungalow, with formal dining room and fireplace, on a large lot! Lovely street & an attached garage! Terry Lee 521-3352

\$239,000 3707 VIRDEN. Panoramic view of Mt. Tamalpais, Oakland lights & S.F. Bay! A wonderful tri-level Spanish Mediterranean home with 3 BD, 2 BA, formal dining, fireplace, hardwood floors, workshop & decks! Martha Turner 814-4828

\$250,000 2926 FOOTHILL. Great potential! Former rest home. 16 BD, 4+ BA, & commercial kitchen. Steve Sorensen 814-4888

\$299,000 3799 HARRISON. Single-family Victorian in dilapidated shape. 4 BD, 1 1/2 BA, formal dining. Lot is zoned for 21 units! Peter Fletcher 523-5750
- San Leandro**

\$124,500 2228 WINDLASS. Bright & light 2 BD, 1 BA condo located in a small very well-kept complex in the Marina district! Newer carpet & linoleum, finished garage! Elaine Budka 814-4835

\$186,000 1930 DOLLY. Excellent condition! This 1-level Ranch home includes 3 BD, 1 BA, updated kitchen, electrical upgrades, alarm system that includes panic & fire alarm! Great yard & more! Jean Powers 814-4822

\$170,000 14018 OUTRIGGER. Many upgrades in this spotless 2 BD, 2 1/2 BA condo! Vaulted ceilings, skylights, wet bar, storm door, upgraded faucets, mirrored doors, closet organizers, plus community pool & spa! Terry Lee 521-3352

\$429,000 1548 DAILY. Full bay view from all rooms! Beautiful single-level 3 BD, 2 1/2 BA home with formal dining room, family room, built-in grill in kitchen, master BD in private wing, 3-car garage, air conditioning, & security system. Diana Lulofs 521-5008
- Hayward**

\$113,500 260 FLINT. An excellent 2 BD, 2 BA condo with fireplace, modern kitchen, inside laundry & small but nice yard! Peter Fletcher 523-5750
- Emeryville**

\$190,000 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY! Family-owned business for 35 years! This eatery is a popular for regular patrons! Beer & wine license, & 16 parking spaces included! Fred Christensen 814-4811
- Berkeley**

\$439,000 1910 SAN ANTONIO. This custom-built 3 BD, 2 1/2 BA, architect-designed home is located in the north Berkeley hills! Formal dining, family room, fireplace! Leaded glass, antique oak mantle, & detached office or studio! Terry Lee 521-3352
- Concord**

\$123,500 2999 PONDEROSA. Single-level 2 BD bungalow on a large lot with garage & detached parking! Newer carpets & new kitchen! Jean Powers 814-4822
- Out of Area**

\$175,000 2645 EASTLAKE, KELSEYVILLE. Buckingham Park, middle Clear Lake. Location plus! A ranch-style 3 BD, 2 BA home with family room, 2 fireplaces, & 2-car garage. Approx 1/2 acre of natural setting with filtered view of lake! Margaret Lomba 521-7193

## Events

The Events Calendar does not accept-for-profit listings. Announcements for these events can be made in our classified section by calling 339-8777. Listings are made on a space available basis.

Catherine Teegarden of Commonwealth United Mortgage presents the free seminar **How To Make Money Using the FHA 203(k) Purchase/Rehab Loan**, 7 p.m. tonight at the First American Title Company, 1544 Webster St. in Oakland. Learn how to purchase, rehab and sell residential properties. Realtors can learn how to locate and market 203(k) fixer-uppers. Owner-occupants can buy fixed-up properties for no money

down both single home and multi-unit properties, sell them quickly and realize your profits. Nonprofits (churches and others) can buy and fix up properties for the communities they serve. Realtors, homebuyers and nonprofits are all welcome to attend. This workshop is held on an ongoing basis. Reservations are required. Call Catherine Teegarden at 210-8103 for information and reservations.

The Building Education Center (BEC) is the place to start your dream home or to start turning your home into a dream. BEC hosts a new class tonight from 7 to 10 p.m. as contractor/instructor Mike Hamann presents **Finding and**

**Evaluating Fixer-Uppers**. On Sat., June 28 BEC presents **Basic Framing Carpentry** with craftsman Skip Wenz and Doug Carver's structural and pest control seminar **Controlling Termites and Dryrot**. On Sun., June 29, environmental consultant and expert David Kibbey will present **Healthful Building Materials**. Call BEC at 525-7610 for more information.

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**CRAFTSMAN CHARM & PIEDMONT SCHOOLS!**

**315 Howard Ave., Piedmont**  
Architectural details! Terrific floorplan! Spacious living & dining rooms! Kitchen/family room opens to a lovely deck overlooking a large wooded garden. Four bedrooms, 3 baths & a lower level for storage and recreation!

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Ideal location & bay views to enjoy from this spacious & open Mediterranean. Reduced! 4+BR, 2.5BA and level-out gardens & deck with spa for entertaining fun! CAROLE BERGER 428-0900, 644-5499

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**CLAREMONT BROWN SHINGLE!** \$669,000  
Great family home loaded with space and charm! Large kitchen, dining, family room opens onto garden. Pretty little cottage. Seismic retrofit. 4+BR, 3BA. JULIE LEHMAN BUTTNER 845-6021, 849-2092

**EMERYVILLE**

**ARTISTS AND INVESTORS!** \$210,000  
Rare opportunity in Emeryville. Live in 2BR apt. studio for work. Income from 2 BR apts. Open Sun. 2-4, 6/29, 1207 54th. HIDEKO WINANS 273-9012

**WEST COUNTY**

**EL CERRITO HILLS - PERFECT** \$348,500  
GG bridge view! 4BR, 3BA, 2,600 sq. ft., hwdw flrs, 2-car gar & more! Needs some work. Relocation forces sale. Submit "any" offer! LLOYD JUNG 526-5143

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7BR, 2.5BA home with charm, beautiful bay view. Great space. Call today for appointment. This one won't last long! SAM & JAIMA 527-9800

**A CLASSIC BY THE BAY** \$149,950  
Gated community! Very bright living & dining area. Tile counters in kitchen. Laundry & 1/2 bath downstairs; 2 master suites upstairs. Attached carport. ERMA SUGGS 527-9800, 273-9480

**ONE LEVEL HOME - REMODELED** \$141,500  
Master suite, big kitchen, hwdw floors, French doors to garden, dual pane windows and much more! Great one level living! Just listed. LLOYD JUNG 526-5143

**2BR HOME + IN-LAW COTTAGE** \$109,500  
Big kit, wood burning stove in LR. Fully fenced bckyd. Perfect for pets & garden. Short walk to Alvarado Park. Hurry, won't last. LLOYD JUNG 526-5143

**CONDO FOR A SONG** \$95,000  
1BR, 1BA townhouse nearby new. Richmond's best kept secret! CANDICE 845-0200, 528-9284

**LOTS FOR SALE**

**WALK ON THE CLOUDS** \$199,000  
Berkeley border lot .16, 7014 sq. ft. of pure view. Flat and buildable. CANDICE/WARWICK 845-0200

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**AFFORDABLE HOME WITH CHARM** \$73,000  
Charming 2BR stucco bungalow with fireplace, patio & 2-car garage. Property needs a little TLC. Sold as-is. LOGENE BUTLER 524-2526

**CONVENIENT LOCATION** \$75,000  
Assumable loan, 811 York, \$75,000, 1BD/1BA condo. Balcony overlooking pool. A walker's delight. SHIRLEY COVINGTON 834-2010

**MAXWELL PARK FIXER** \$149,950  
Spacious 3BR bungalow on tree-lined street. Formal dining room with built-ins; many nice architectural features; needs some work, but a lot of space for the money. DOLORES THOM 834-2010

**SPACIOUS FAMILY HOME** \$140,000  
Sunny 3BR with large kitchen and laundry area. Garage converted to family room or 4th BR. Corner lot, convenient location. LOGENE BUTLER 524-2526

East Bay Habitat for Humanity hosts its annual fund-raiser. Fri., June 27, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Sun. July 13. Help over 600 volunteers raise over \$10,000 for Habitat's work in the East Bay. Be a part of the exciting blitz fundraising proceeds will help build housing for low-income families. Call Chris at 525-7610 for more information.

The Golden Gate American Society for the Blind (ASH) hosts its annual meeting 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Sun. July 13. Help over 600 volunteers raise over \$10,000 for Habitat's work in the East Bay. Be a part of the exciting blitz fundraising proceeds will help build housing for low-income families. Call Chris at 525-7610 for more information.

Cal Fed presents a new series of seminars. The first seminar, "The dynamic Note Broker," will be held on Friday, July 18 at 7 p.m. at the Broadway in Oakland. The seminars will teach you the secrets of the real estate business. You'll need to protect your buying a home. Call Gregson at 530-4789 or 834-3392 for more information.

Marsha Quick of Realty and Karen Woot of Mortgage present free Real Estate Financing 101, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on July 19 at 1225 Solon Ave. Albany. Become an educated consumer, minimize closing costs, the difference between a no mi loan; get acquainted lender guidelines, come to qualify and commitment programs. Reservations required. Call 718-218-1100.

Wausau Mortgage Company announces Charles Patton 203(k) mortgage with a rebate for Profit or Equity Proven Product. The 203(k) loan program to renovate and resell property in a short time, is held on a basis. Call (800) 801-1333.

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